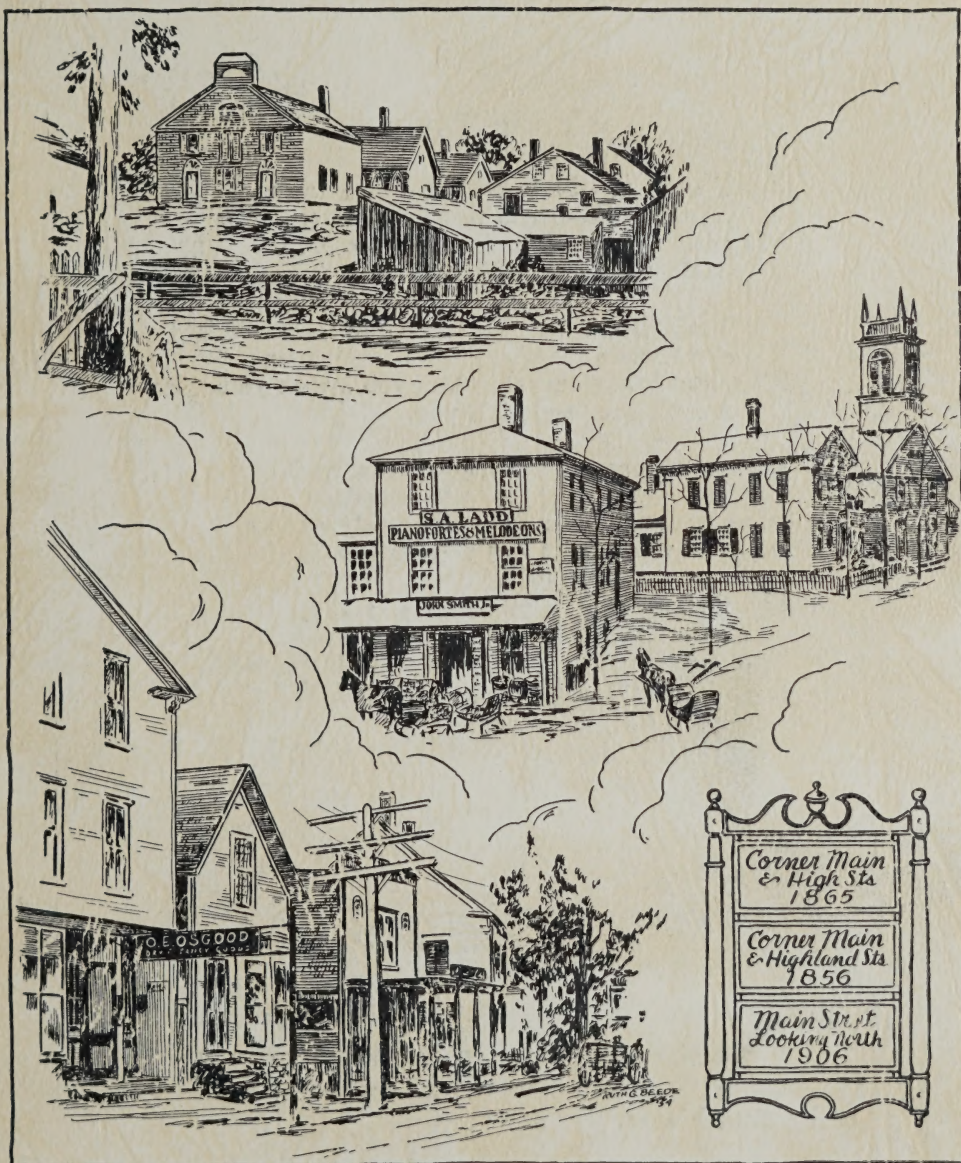


# Town of Meredith, N. H.

## ANNUAL REPORT



FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1953

## Your Town

If you want to live in the kind of a town,  
Like the kind of a town you like,  
You needn't slip your clothes in a grip,  
And go on a long, long hike.

You'll only find what you left behind,  
For there's nothing that's really new  
It's a knock at yourself when you knock your town,  
It isn't the town, it's you.

Real towns are not made by men afraid  
Lest somebody else gets ahead;  
When everyone works and nobody shirks,  
You can raise a town from the dead.

And if you make your personal stake,  
Your neighbor can make one too,  
Your town will be what you want it to be;  
It isn't your town .....it's YOU!

—by H. W. Hazlett

The sketches appearing on the front cover were made by Mrs. Ruth Beede from photographs loaned by Paul Weeks.

As noted, they are three scenes of Meredith Village at three different periods.



Annual Report of the Officers  
of the  
TOWN OF MEREDITH

*For the Fiscal Year Ending December 31,*

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**Town Officers**  
of the  
**Town of Meredith, New Hampshire**

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**Selectmen**

Marshall S. Hodsdon, Chairman  
Norman R. Martin Henry T. Boothby

**Moderator**

Arthur F. Pottle

**Town Clerk**

Guy U. Horne

**Town Manager**

Robert W. Rhodes (resigned)  
Ernest L. Libby

**Treasurer**

Richard B. Wein

**Tax Collector**

Ernest L. Libby

**Representatives**

Joseph F. Smith Walter D. Kipp

**Justice of Municipal Court**

Ripley Ropes

**Associate Justice**

True P. Godfrey

**Chief of Police**

Carroll W. Straw

**Superintendent of Sewer Department**

Gilbert W. MacIntyre

### **Trustees of Trust Funds**

John N. Beede

Henry H. Stark

Clinton Roper

### **Supervisors of Check List**

Marjorie Piper

Paul Weeks

Shepherd Brown

### **School Board**

Carl Chase, Chairman

Jane Ambrose

Sydney Batchelder

### **Library Trustees**

Canstance Ramsey, Chm.    John Beede

Isabel Russell

Linden Grad

Mary Robertson

Ralph F. Flather

### **Auditors**

State Tax Commission

### **Legal Counsel**

John H. Ramsey

### **Director, Civil Defense and Public Safety**

Robert W. Rhodes (Acting)

## Letter of Transmittal

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To the Selectmen and inhabitants of the Town of Meredith:

The following report covers the activities of your local government for the fiscal year January 1, 1953 to December 31, 1953.

This report contains information required by law to be printed together with other explanatory material.

### Highways:

Because of the exceptionally high mileage of highways in Meredith together with the lack of any amount of good gravel, highway maintenance will always be an expensive operation.

This past year the Old Neck Road was completed with Town Road Aid funds. The completion of this road will materially benefit those coming north on Route 25 whose destination is any point on the Neck.

It was originally planned to use the balance of our 1953 T. R. A. funds to commence work on the Chemung Road, beginning at the Meredith Center road. However, circumstances prevented the starting of this piece in the fall.

As we must use the balance of the State's share of the 1953 allotment before July first of this year, in order to be eligible for the balance, it is now planned to commence work as early in the spring as conditions permit.

The Town's share of funds together with the State's share and the 1953 balance will make available approximately \$7900 for this project.

A piece of the Collins Road on Lake Winnisquam was completed to the Laconia city line.

Graveling, installation and replacement of culverts on the road on the "West side" of Winnisquam was also undertaken. The gravel for this work was donated by Mr. Charles Fitzgerald of Tilton, an owner of several cottages and land on the road.

A continuation of the street and road resurfacing with asphalt was carried on with approximately 9,000 gallons of tar and asphalt being applied. Some was new surfacing and some resurfacing.

The connection of St. James Street with L. G. Pynn's extension of Highland Street was carried out. This connection has proved advantageous this winter by allowing snow plows to make a complete circuit rather than having to plow into two dead-end streets with the consequent trouble and loss of time caused by having to turn around in close quarters. This connection was surfaced to hold it through the winter and will be resurfaced this spring.



Because of exceptionally dry conditions this past summer, dust presented a problem on our gravel roads. An attempt was made to alleviate the dust conditions by applying calcium chloride, particularly in areas which were more or less congested.

The usual maintenance work, culvert replacement and bush cutting was carried on.

Although this winter has not as yet produced any large storms, the number of small storms, which have been frequent, has caused winter maintenance to be a normal one as far as cost is concerned.

The two Ford trucks were replaced by two 1953 model trucks, one 6-cylinder and one 8-cylinder.

It was necessary to have the motor of the snowloader completely overhauled, involving an expenditure of \$400 in order that it might be in working condition for winter.

### **Parks and Playgrounds:**

Improvements were made and some new facilities added at Leavitt Park this past year.

Badly needed toilet facilities were added and two wooden shelters were built.

The Woman's Progress Club contributed \$150 towards the cost of the toilet. Work was started on a second toilet which it is hoped may be completed this year.

The two shelters were constructed, for use by the newly inaugurated Day Camp program, by the members of the Fire Department with materials which were almost wholly donated by merchants, lumbermen and other business establishments in town.

The flood waters of last spring washed around the new culvert which was installed in 1952. In order that such a washing would not occur again, a new cement buttress was constructed on the upstream end of the culvert.

The parking space at the rear of Roberts' Market was materially enlarged by the disposal of rock and excess earth from the sewer project. This space has been partially levelled. The final levelling, drains and surfacing are anticipated in 1954 for the completed section.

There appears in the Warrant an Article covering the gift by Dr. J. Walter Schirmer of a tract of land at the top of the "Pinnacle" of approximately ten acres to be known as "Pinnacle Peak Park, Alice Goodwin Schirmer Memorial."

This tract was accepted by the Selectmen this fall, "subject to the approval of the voters of the Town at its annual meeting in March 1954."

### **Welfare:**

The Town's share of Old Age Assistance increased only

slightly over 1952, \$30 to be exact.

The local relief problem was a normal one until the latter part of the year when the problem increased somewhat. The expenditures for the first five weeks of 1954 are however, beginning to reflect locally the unemployment picture nationally.

### **Bonded Indebtedness:**

The second bond issue for Sewer Construction was floated in June in the amount of \$175,000. This issue, because of the condition of the bond market at the time, had to be sold at an interest rate of 2.75% as compared to the 1.6% rate for the issue floated in 1952.

The 1953 issue will be repaid \$10,000 in each of the years 1954-1968 and \$5,000 in each of the years 1969-1973.

The total principal payments required on our bonds and notes for 1954 amounts to \$29,500 and the interest payments, \$10,600.

### **Sewer:**

Contract 3 covering Main, Lake, Dover, Lang, St. James, Highland, Beach Streets, Center Harbor Road and a portion of Route 3 was let to Landers & Griffin, Inc., of Portsmouth, N. H. This contract overran the estimated rock and ledge removal approximately  $2\frac{1}{2}$  times. In view of the great amount of ledge encountered we were very fortunate in receiving the bid under which this contract was let.

The contract for house connections was awarded to D. E. Ambrose & Sons and was carried on until frost conditions made it necessary to discontinue operations until spring.

The Pumping Station and Treatment Plant were placed in operation late in September and although some difficulties and "bugs" have been encountered, are both operating satisfactorily.

### **Town Dump:**

The location of the town dump still presents a serious problem. Many sites for a new dump have been considered by the Selectmen but some unsuitable factor has eliminated each proposed site.

To be entirely satisfactory, an open dump, such as we have, should be easily accessible to the public; so located that any drainage from it will not be to a stream which might be polluted by it; in a location which is isolated enough not to be a nuisance to homes in its vicinity.

Other than an open burning dump the only other method of rubbish disposal which has proved satisfactory is the so-called land-fill dump. This type of dump requires the use



of a bulldozer to make an open trench, pack each day's accumulation of rubbish and bulldoze a part of the material, removed to make the original pit, back over the rubbish to serve as a cover. This is the most common method of making a new dump in use today.

I wish to express my personal appreciation for the co-operation and assistance extended me, as your Town Manager, since assuming my duties in Meredith.

Respectfully Submitted,

ERNEST L. LIBBY

Town Manager

**State of New Hampshire**

**Meredith Town Warrant**

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**To the Inhabitants of the Town of Meredith qualified to vote in Town affairs:**

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, the 9th day of March 1954, at nine of the clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects:

- 1 To bring in your ballots for Town Clerk, one Selectman for three years, Treasurer for one year, one Trustee of Trust Funds for three years and two Library Trustees for three years.
- 2 To choose all other necessary Town Officers.
- 3 To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen and the Town Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of the collection of taxes for the current year and issue notes therefor and said notes to be repaid during the current municipal year.
- 4 To hear the report of the budget and act thereon.
- 5 To see what action the Town will take relative to the leasing of the Town Hall.
- 6 To raise such sums of money as will be necessary for repairs of Highways and Bridges-Summer Maintenance.
- 7 To raise such sums of money as will be necessary for Snow Removal and Sanding—Winter Maintenance.
- 8 To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for General Highway Expenses.
- 9 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$909.57 for Town Road Aid for construction, maintenance and reconstruction of rural post roads and Class V highways provided the State will set aside \$6,063.79 for this purpose.
- 10 To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for Police Protection.

- 11 To see how much money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate toward the support of the Fire Department.
- 12 To see how much money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of libraries.
- 13 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for the Meredith Village Cemetery Association for care and betterment of the cemeteries. (By request Meredith Village Cemetery Association).
- 14 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the Oakland Cemetery for care and betterment of the cemetery. (By request Oakland Cemetery Association).
- 15 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$516.00, which is 1/100 of one per cent of the assessed valuation of the Town, to the Lakes Region Assn. for the purpose of publicizing and promoting the natural resources of the Town, in cooperation with other towns in the Lakes Region. (By request Lakes Region Association).
- 16 To see how much money the Town will vote to raise for the benefit of the Laconia Hospital. (By request Laconia Hospital Association).
- 17 To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the payment of Old Age Assistance and for the benefit of indigent persons chargeable to the Town of Meredith.
- 18 To see how much the Town will vote to raise and appropriate toward defraying the expenses of Band Concerts. for the season of 1954. (By request).
- 19 To see if the Town will vote to accept the gift of a tract of land containing 10 acres, more or less, from Dr. J. Walter Schirmer, to be known as Pinnacle Peak Park" subject to the conditions and provisions of a deed from Dr. J. Walter Schirmer to the Inhabitants of the Town of Meredith dated September 28, 1953.
- 20 To see if the the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 to match a like gift of a sum of \$300.00 to be made by Dr. J. Walter Schirmer for the purpose of tree clearing and trimming and road repair at "Pinnacle Peak Park."



- 21 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of the Meredith Chamber of Commerce and its activities. (By request Chamber of Commerce).
- 22 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the extension of the Cattle Landing Road, so-called, as requested in a petition dated September 15, 1953.
- 23 To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this eighteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-four.

MARSHALL S. HODSDON

NORMAN R. MARTIN

HENRY T. BOOTHBY

Selectmen of Meredith, N. H.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

MARSHALL S. HODSDON

NORMAN R. MARTIN

HENRY T. BOOTHBY

Selectmen of Meredith, N. H.

# Budget for 1954

of the

Town of Meredith, New Hampshire

Estimates of Revenues and Expenditures  
For the Year January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954

Compared with

Estimated & Actual Revenue, Appropriations, Expenditures  
of the Previous Year January 1, 1953 to December 31, 1953

<i>SOURCES OF REVENUE</i>	<i>Year 1953 Estimated Revenue Previous</i>	<i>Year 1953 Actual Revenue Previous</i>	<i>Year 1954 Estimated Revenue Ensuing</i>
<i>From State—</i>			
Interest & Dividends Tax	\$9,000.00	\$11,220.86	\$11,000.00
Railroad Tax	100.00	123.04	120.00
Savings Bank Tax	400.00	751.42	500.00
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of Growing Wood and Timber	2,500.00	2,278.48	526.92
For Fighting Forest Fires		2,432.05	
<i>From Local Sources Except Taxes—</i>			
Dog Licenses	400.00	509.50	500.00
Bus. Licenses, Permits, Filing Fees	150.00	225.00	210.00
Fines & Forfeits, Municipal Court	100.00	145.88	125.00
Rent of Town Hall & Other Bldgs.	1,500.00	2,025.50	1,900.00
Interest Rec'd on Taxes & Deposits	600.00	386.66	375.00
<i>Income of Departments—</i>			
Highway, incl. rental of equipment		7,512.36	
Sewers			6,000.00
Reimb. Town Manager's Salary	750.00	750.00	750.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	9,000.00	10,030.75	10,000.00
<i>Raised by Issue of Bonds or Notes—</i>			
2 $\frac{3}{4}$ % Sewer Bonds Issued July 1, '53		179,264.27	
<i>From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes—</i>			
Poll Taxes—Regular @ \$2	2,090.00	1,606.00	2,000.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	15.00	15.00	15.00
Total Revenues from All Sources Except Property Taxes			
	<u>\$26,605.00</u>	<u>\$219,276.77</u>	<u>\$34,021.92</u>

# Budget for 1954

<i>Purposes of Expenditures</i>	<i>Appropriations Previous Year 1953</i>	<i>Actual Exp'tures Year 1953</i>	<i>Estimated Exp'tures Year 1954</i>
<i>Current Maintenance Expenses</i>			
<i>General Government—</i>			
Town Officers' Salaries	\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00
Town Officers' Expenses	2,500.00	3,401.80	3,500.00
Election & Registration Expenses	350.00	206.35	700.00
Municipal Court Expenses	400.00	400.00	700.00
Exp. Town Hall, Other Town Bldgs.	1,600.00	2,164.54	1,500.00
<i>Protection of Persons &amp; Property—</i>			
Police Department	3,600.00	3,728.52	3,700.00
Fire Dept. & Forest Fires	4,127.00	7,373.40	3,850.00
Moth Exterm.—Blister Rust	400.00	400.00	
Insurance	2,250.00	2,958.29	2,500.00
Civil Defense	100.00	28.41	100.00
<i>Health—</i>			
Health Department	2,800.00	2,800.00	2,800.00
Vital Statistics	150.00	72.75	75.00
Sewer Maintenance		825.45	9,000.00
Town Dump & Garbage Removal	800.00	1,371.38	2,000.00
<i>Highways and Bridges—</i>			
Street Cleaning	600.00	606.05	600.00
Town Maintenance—Summer	11,500.00	18,355.56	11,500.00
Town Maintenance—Winter	11,500.00	12,415.40	11,500.00
Street Lighting	350.00	313.91	350.00
Gen. Expenses of Highway Dept.	6,000.00	9,575.92	7,000.00
Town Road Aid	894.43	894.43	909.57
<i>Libraries—</i>	2,500.00	3,000.00	2,500.00
<i>Public Welfare—</i>			
Town Poor	3,000.00	3,111.38	3,000.00
Old Age Assistance	9,000.00	9,405.77	9,000.00
<i>Patriotic Purposes—</i>			
Memorial Day & Veterans' Assns.	350.00	350.00	350.00
Aid to Soldiers and Their Families	300.00	292.96	300.00



*Recreation—*

Parks and Playgrounds	2,000.00	2,279.93	3,000.00
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*Public Service Enterprises—*

Band	500.00	500.00	
Town Clerk's Fees	700.00	687.00	700.00
Cemeteries	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Clerical	2,250.00	2,268.93	2,500.00

*Unclassified—*

Damages and Legal Expenses, Including Dog Damage	500.00	135.70	1,300.00
Advertising & Regional Assns.	986.00	986.00	
Employees' Retirement & Soc. Sec.	1,200.00	1,896.46	2,000.00

*Interest—*

On Temporary Loans	600.00	738.24	1,000.00
On Long Term Notes & Bonds	5,867.00	5,353.75	10,292.50

*Highways and Bridges—*

Town Construction	2,500.00	2,761.30	7,500.00
Audit	300.00	295.04	300.00
Town Manager's Salary	4,800.00	4,507.44	4,800.00
Town Manager's Expenses	500.00	597.67	700.00
New Lands & Bldgs.-Yarnery	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
New Equipment	3,600.00	3,591.91	1,000.00

*Payment on Principal of Debt—*

Bonds	22,500.00	12,500.00	29,500.00
Permanent Assessment	1,200.00	842.73	1,000.00

*Payments to Other Govt. Divisions—*

County Taxes	14,378.17	14,378.17	14,375.00
School Taxes	97,246.39	42,784.00	111,206.24
Total Expenditures	\$232,398.99	\$186,856.54	\$274,308.31

## Public Property

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Town Hall and Land	\$50,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	3,000.00
Yarnery, Land and Building	10,000.00
Library, Land and Buildings	50,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	10,000.00
Fire Equipment and Station	60,000.00
Office Equipment and Furniture	1,000.00

### Highway Department :

Highway Garage	9,000.00
4-Wheel Drive Walter Snow Fighter Plow	7,000.00
Adams Grader	3,500.00
International Power Grader	1,000.00
International Sidewalk Plow	1,000.00
Cold Patch Mixer	150.00
5,000 Feet Snow Fence	200.00
2 Road Sanders	200.00
2 Ford Trucks	3,000.00
Parks and Playgrounds	30,000.00
175 Acres Forest Land	2,000.00
Nelson Snow Loader	4,000.00

### Sewer Department :

Pumping Station	41,200.00
Treatment Plant	30,000.00
Equipment	14,800.00
Miscellaneous - Tools	1,000.00

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\$332,050.00

### Land Acquired By Tax Titles :

L. M. Pike, Woodlot, Merrill Place	500.00
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### Meredith Village Fire District :

Land for New Station	\$ 3,200.00
Fire Department Land	700.00
Equipment	25,000.00
Water Systems	65,000.00

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93,900.00

### School District :

Land and Buildings	64,000.00
Equipment	5,200.00

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69,200.00

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\$495,650.00

# Statement of Appropriations and Taxes Assessed

## Appropriations

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,700.00
Town Officers' Expenses	2,500.00
Election & Registration Expenses	350.00
Municipal Court Expenses	400.00
Town Hall and Buildings	1,600.00
Police Department	3,600.00
Fire Department & Forest Fires	4,327.00
Blister Rust - Moth Extermination	400.00
Health Dept., Red Cross & Hospitals	4,050.00
Vital Statistics	150.00
Town Dump - Maintenance	800.00
Town Road Aid	894.43
Town Maintenance	23,000.00
Street Cleaning	600.00
Town Construction	2,500.00
Insurance	2,250.00
Street Lighting	350.00
General Expenses of Highway Dept.	6,000.00
Employees' Retirement	1,200.00
Town Manager's Salary	4,800.00
Town Manager's Expenses	500.00
Clerical Expense	2,250.00
Assessment Records	1,200.00
Libraries	2,500.00
Old Age Assistance	9,000.00
Town Poor	3,000.00
Memorial Day & Aid to Soldiers	650.00
Parks & Playgrounds, including Band Concerts	3,000.00
Cemeteries	1,500.00
Town Clerk's Fees	700.00
Damages & Legal Expenses	500.00
Advertising & Regional Assns.	986.00
Interest	6,467.00
Payments on Principal of Debt	22,500.00
County Tax	14,348.17
School Tax	97,246.39
Audit	300.00
Civil Defense	100.00
Yarnery Purchase	2,500.00
New Equipment	3,600.00
Overlay	3,937.95
Precinct Tax	8,820.00
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Total Town & School Appropriation	\$247,076.94



### Less: Estimated Revenues and Credits

Interest and Dividends Tax	\$11,220.86	
Railroad Tax	100.00	
Savings Bank Tax	400.00	
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of Growing Wood and Timber	526.92	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	9,000.00	
Dog Licenses	400.00	
Business Licenses and Permits	150.00	
Fines & Forfeits - Municipal Court	100.00	
Rent of Town Property and Equipment including Town Hall	1,500.00	
Interest on Taxes	600.00	
Reimb. of Town Manager's Salary	750.00	
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Total Revenues and Credits		24,747.78
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Required Amount to be raised by Taxation		222,329.16
Less: Poll Taxes		1,986.00
National Bank Stock Taxes		16.00
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Net Amount to be raised by Property Taxes		\$220,327.16

### Taxes to be Committed to Collector

Property Taxes	\$211,495.88	
Precinct Taxes	8,831.28	
Poll Taxes	1,986.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes	16.00	
Gain by fractions	87.06	
Total Taxes to be Committed		\$222,416.22

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### — T A X   R A T E —

Town .....	\$41.00 per M.
Precinct .....	45.39 per M.

# Report of Audit

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Division of Municipal Accounting      State Tax Commission  
Concord, New Hampshire

February 3, 1954

Board of Selectmen, Meredith, N. H.

Gentlemen:

Submitted herewith is the report of the annual examination and audit of the accounts of the Town of Meredith for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1953, which was made by this Division in accordance with the vote of the Town. Exhibits as hereafter listed are included as part of the report.

## Scope of Audit

Included in the examination and audit were the accounts and records of the Board of Selectmen, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Library Treasurer and Trustees of Trust Funds.

## Financial Statements

Comp. Balance Sheets—Dec. 31, '52-Dec. 31, '53: (Exhibit A)

Comparative Balance Sheets as of December 31, 1952 and December 31, 1953, are presented in Exhibit A. As indicated therein, the Net Debt increased by \$154,730.16 in 1953.

Analysis of Change in Financial Condition: (Exhibit B)

An analysis of the change in financial condition of the Town during the year is made in Exhibit B, with the factors which caused the change indicated therein. These were as follows:

## Increases in Net Debt

Bonds Issued	\$175,000.00
Decrease in Accounts Receivable	1,666.26
Increase in Reserve for Future Loss	
a/c Yield Taxes	1,751.56
Head Tax Paid State—Later Abated	5.00
Overpayment of Head Tax Acct. to State	12.94
Adjustment in Bounty Account	1.00
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	\$178,436.76

### Decreases in Debt

Bonds Paid	\$18,500.00	
Net Budget Surplus	5,204.76	
Increase in Cash in Hands of Officials	.84	
Excess Remittance of Head Tax		
Penalties by Collector	1.00	
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		23,706.60
Net Increase		<hr/>
		\$154,730.16

### Comparative Statements of Appropriations and Expenditures Estimated and Actual Revenues: (Exhibits C & D)

Comparative statements of appropriations and expenditures, estimated and actual revenues for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1953 are presented in Exhibits C and D. As indicated by the budget summary (Exhibit D), a net revenue surplus of \$5,217.26, less a net overdraft of appropriations of \$12.50, resulted in a net budget surplus of \$5-204.76.

### Summary of Receipts & Expenditures: (Exhibit E)

A summary of receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1953, made up in accordance with the uniform classification of accounts, is included in Exhibit E. Proof of the Treasurer's balance as of December 31, 1953 is indicated in Exhibit F.

### Statement of Long Term Indebtedness: (Exhibit K)

A statement of long term indebtedness as of December 31, 1953, showing annual maturities of principal and annual interest requirements, is contained in Exhibit K.

### Audit Procedure

The accounts and records of all town officials charged with the custody, receipt and disbursements of public funds were examined and audited. Vouchers and cancelled checks were compared with supporting invoices and payrolls as well as entries in the books or record. Receipts were checked by source insofar as possible and totals of receipts and expenditures verified. Book balances were verified by comparison with reconciled bank balances made from statements obtained from depository banks. Verification of uncollected taxes was made by mailing notices to delinquent taxpayers as indicated by the Collector's records.



## General Comments

### Current Surplus :

It is noted that the Current Surplus increased from \$2,245.32 to \$4,015.16 during 1953, as shown by the following statement:

	Dec. 31, 1952	Dec. 31, 1953
Total Assets	\$220,605.79	\$104,050.14
Current Liabilities	218,360.47	100,034.98
Current Surplus	\$ 2,245.32	\$ 4,015.16

### Library Treasurer :

It is again recommended that the Treasurer of the Library adopt the use of a columnar form of cash book to provide for the proper classification of expenditures.

### Conclusion :

The accounts of the Town officials which we examined were found in good condition and the accounting and financial procedure conformed to prescribed methods and procedure.

The provisions of Section 31, Chapter 211, of the Laws of 1939, require that this report or a summary of its essential features shall be published in the next annual town report.

We extend our thanks to the officials of the Town of Meredith for their assistance during the course of the audit.

Yours very truly,

Harold G. Fowler, Director  
Division of Municipal Accounting  
State Tax Commission

C. David Sullivan, Auditor  
Hugh J. Cassidy, Accountant

**Division of Municipal Accounting**  
**State Tax Commission**                      **Concord, New Hampshire**  
**Certificate of Audit**                      **February 3, 1954**

This is to certify that we have examined and audited the accounts and records of the Town of Meredith for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1953, and found them to be in good order. In our opinion the Exhibits included herewith reflect the true financial condition of the Town of Meredith on December 31, 1953, and the results of operations for the fiscal year ended on that date.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold G. Fowler, Director  
Division of Municipal Accounting  
State Tax Commission

C. David Sullivan, Auditor  
Hugh J. Cassidy, Accountant

**Exhibit A**  
**Town of Meredith**  
**Comparative Balance Sheets**  
**Fiscal Years Ended December 31, 1952 and 1953**

<i>ASSETS</i>	<i>Dec. 31, 1952</i>	<i>Dec. 31, 1953</i>
<i>Cash—Treasurer's Account—</i>		
General Fund Account	\$ 24,450.58	\$38,954.43
Sewer Const. Bond Acct.	155,557.00	22,889.90
Fire Station Const. Acct.	1,179.54	553.77
State Head Tax Account	4,451.00	
Sewer Ent. Acct. (contra)		258.00
Payroll Account		500.00
<i>In Hands of Officials—</i>		
Tax Collector		20.00
Town Clerk		.84
	<hr/> \$185,638.12	<hr/> 63,176.94
Bounties Due from State	45.75	61.25
Accounts Receivable	1,750.71	84.45
Unredeemed Taxes	905.84	1,864.84
Uncollected Taxes	30,685.37	37,152.66
Uncoll. State Head Taxes	1,580.00	1,710.00
Total Assets	220,605.79	104,050.14
Net Debt	369,754.68	524,484.84
Total Assets & Net Debt	<hr/> \$590,360.47	<hr/> \$628,534.98



<i>LIABILITIES</i>	<i>Dec. 31, 1952</i>	<i>Dec. 31, 1953</i>
<i>Unexpended Appropriations—</i>		
Sewer Construction	\$115,557.00	\$22,889.90
Fire Station Const.	1,179.54	553.77
Tax Map (1946)	100.00	100.00
Town Dump Land	1,000.00	1,000.00
Assessment Records	355.39	712.66
Indebtedness		10,000.00
Interest		375.01
New Office Equipment		58.09
School District Approp.	47,970.71	54,462.39
Precinct Tax	8.73	
	<hr/> 206,171.37	<hr/> 90,151.82
Reserve for Future Loss		
a/c Yield Taxes	6,059.10	7,810.66
Sewer Ent. Acct. (contra)		258.00
<i>Due State of N. H.—</i>		
A/c State Head Taxes Uncoll.	1,580.00	1,440.00
A/c State Head Taxes & Penalties		
Coll. but not Remitted to Treas.	4,550.00	374.50
<i>Indebtedness—</i>		
Long Term Notes	6,000.00	6,000.00
Bonds	366,000.00	522,500.00
Total Liabilities	<hr/> \$590,360.47	<hr/> \$628,534.98
Total Liabilities	<hr/> \$590,360.47	<hr/> \$628,534.98

## Exhibit B

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### Town of Meredith Analysis of Change in Financial Condition Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1953

Net Debt—December 31, 1953	\$524,484.84
Net Debt—December 31, 1952	369,754.68
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Increase in Net Debt	\$154,730.16

#### *Factors Affecting Change in Financial Condition*

##### *Increases in Debt—*

Bonds Issued	\$175,000.00
Decrease in Accounts Receivable	1,666.26
Increase in Reserve for Future	
Loss a/c Yield Taxes	1,751.56
Head Tax State State-Later Abated	5.00
Adjustment to Bounty Account	1.00
Overpayment Head Tax Acct. to State	12.94
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	\$178,436.76

##### *Decreases in Debt—*

Bonds Paid	18,500.00
Net Budget Surplus (Exhibit D)	5,204.76
Increase in cash in Hands of Officials	.84
Tax Collector's Excess Remittance	
of Head Tax Penalties	1.00
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	23,706.60
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Net Increase	\$154,730.16

# Exhibit C

## Town of Meredith

### Comparative Statement of Appropriations & Expenditures

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1953

	<i>Liabilities Forwarded From 1951</i>	<i>Approp- riations</i>	<i>Receipts &amp; Reim- b'ments</i>	<i>Total Amt. Available</i>	<i>Exp ditures</i>	<i>Balances Unexp'ded O'drafts</i>	<i>Forwarded to '54 Assets Liabilities</i>
	\$	\$			\$	\$	\$
Town Officers' Salaries		\$1,700.00		\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00		
Town Officers' Expenses		2,500.00	265.19	2,765.19	3,401.80	636.61	
Town Clerk's Motor Vehicle Fees		700.00		700.00	687.00	13.00	
Town Manager's Salary		4,800.00		4,800.00	4,507.44	292.56	
Town Manager's Expenses		500.00		500.00	597.67		
Clerical		2,250.00		2,250.00	2,268.93		
Assessment Records	355.39	1,200.		1,555.39	842.73	18.93	
Tax Commission Audit		300.00		300.00	295.04	4.96	
Social Security or Retirement		1,200.00	94.20	1,294.20	1,896.46	602.26	
Election & Registration Expenses		350.00		350.00	206.35	143.65	
Municipal Court Expenses		400.00		400.00	400.00		
Town Hall & Buildings—Maintenance		1,600.00	6.50	1,606.50	2,164.54	558.04	
Police Department		3,600.00	39.50	3,639.50	3,728.52	89.02	
Fire Dept. & Forest Fires		4,327.00	2,432.05	6,759.05	7,373.40	614.35	
Civilian Defense		100.00		100.00	28.41	71.59	
Blister Rust—Moth Extermination		400.00		400.00	400.00		
Health Dept., Red Cross, Hospitals		4,050.00		4,050.00	2,800.00	1,250.00	
Town Dump		800.00		800.00	1,371.38	571.38	

712.66



<b>Vital Statistics</b>	150.00	72.75	77.25	
Sewer Maintenance		150.00		86.00
Town Road Aid	894.43	719.45	805.45	
Town Maintenance	23,000.00	894.43	894.43	
Town Construction—Roads	2,500.00	30,512.36	30,770.96	258.60
General Expenses of Highway Dept.	6,000.00	2,500.00	2,761.30	261.30
Street Cleaning	600.00	8,591.88	9,575.92	984.04
Insurance	2,250.00	600.00	606.05	6.05
Street Lighting	350.00	2,699.33	2,928.59	229.26
Libraries	2,500.00	350.00	313.91	36.09
Old Age Assistance	9,000.00	2,500.00	3,000.00	500.00
Town Poor	3,000.00	9,000.00	9,405.77	405.77
Soldiers' Aid	300.00	3,458.76	3,111.38	347.38
Memorial Day	350.00	300.00	292.96	7.04
Parks & Playgrounds, Inc. Band Concerts	3,000.00	350.00	350.00	
Cemeteries	1,500.00	3,273.00	2,779.93	493.07
Damages & Legal Exp., Inc. Dog Damage	500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	
Advertising & Regional Assns.	986.00	500.00	135.70	364.30
Temporary Loans		986.00	986.00	
Payment on Debt	22,500.00	75,000.00	75,000.00	
Interest	6,467.00	22,500.00	12,500.00	
County Tax	14,348.17	6,467.00	6,091.99	
<i>School District—</i>		14,348.17	14,348.17	
1952-53 Appropriation	47,970.71			
1953-54 Appropriation	97,246.39	47,970.71	47,970.71	
Sewer Const.—Special Account	155,557.00	97,246.39	42,784.00	54,462.39
Fire Station Const.—Special Acct.	1,179.54	334,821.27	311,931.37*	22,889.90
Precinct Tax—Approp. Account	8.73	1,179.54	625.77	553.77
Tax Map	100.00	8,828.73	8,820.00	8.73
		100.00		100.00

10,000.00  
375.01

54,462.39  
22,889.90  
553.77

100.00

	<i>Liabilities Forwarded From 1951</i>	<i>Approp- riations</i>	<i>Receipts &amp; Reim- b'ments</i>	<i>Total Amt. Available</i>	<i>Exp ditures</i>	<i>Balances Unexp'ded O'drafts</i>	<i>Forwarded to '54 Assets Liabilities</i>
Town Dump—Land	1,000.00			1,000.00			1,000.00
New Buildings & Land, Yarnery		2,500.00		2,500.00	2,500.00		
New Equipment—Office		500.00		500.00	441.91		58.09
Trucks		3,100.00		3,100.00	3,150.00	50.00	
Overlay		3,937.95		3,937.95	1,089.79	2,848.16	
Bounties					62.25	1.00	61.25
Sewer Entrance Fees			258.00	258.00			258.00
	<u>\$206,171.37</u>	<u>\$247,076.94</u>	<u>\$269,364.49</u>	<u>\$722,612.80</u>	<u>632,276.73</u>	<u>\$5,957.78</u>	<u>\$61.25</u>
							<u>\$90,409.82</u>

(\*) Includes Bond Payment of \$6,000.00

**Exhibit D**  
**Town of Meredith**

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**Statement of Est. & Actual Revenues & Budget Summary**  
**Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1953**

*REVENUES*

	<i>Estimated</i>	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Excess</i>	<i>Deficit</i>
Interest & Dividends Tax	\$11,220.86	\$11,220.86	\$	\$
Railroad Tax	100.00	123.04	23.04	
Savings Bank Tax	400.00	751.42	351.42	
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of				
Growing Wood & Timber	526.92	2,278.48	1,751.56	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	9,000.00	10,030.75	1,030.75	
Dog Licenses	400.00	507.50	107.50	
Business Licenses & Permits	150.00	225.00	75.00	
Fines & Forfeits-Mun. Court	100.00	145.88	45.88	
Rent Town Prop. & Equip.	1,500.00	2,019.00	519.00	
Interest on Taxes	600.00	386.66		213.34
Reimb. of Town Manager's				
Salary from Precinct	750.00	750.00		
Refunds		115.20	115.20	
Tax Coll.'s Excess Credits		19.81	19.81	
Added Taxes		807.56	807.56	
Taxes Committed in Excess of				
Budgetary Requirements		71.06	71.06	
Head Tax Commission Fees		512.82	512.82	
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	\$24,747.78	\$29,965.04	\$5,430.60	\$213.34

*BUDGET SUMMARY*

Actual Revenues	\$29,965.04	
Estimated Revenues	24,747.78	
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Net Revenue Surplus		\$5,217.26
Overdrafts of Appropriations	\$5,970.28	
Unexpended Balances of Approps.	5,957.78	
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Net Overdraft of Appropriations		12.50
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Net Budget Surplus		\$5,204.76



# Exhibit E

## Town of Meredith

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### Classified Summary of Receipts and Expenditures Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1953

#### *RECEIPTS—*

#### *From Local Taxes*

##### *Current Year—*

Property Taxes	\$187,711.02
Poll Taxes	1,606.00
Yield Taxes	642.33
State Head Taxes	4,875.00

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\$194,834.35

##### *Prior Years—*

Property Taxes	26,496.07
Poll Taxes	322.00
Yield Taxes	1,209.44
State Head Taxes	1,050.00
Interest on Taxes	386.66
Penalties on State Head Taxes	71.00
Tax Sales Redeemed	282.11

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\$224,651.63

#### *From State—*

Class V Highway Maintenance	1,780.10
State Aid Construction	639.00
Interest & Dividends Tax	11,220.86
Railroad Tax	123.04
Savings Bank Tax	751.42
Fighting Forest Fires	26.95
Blister Rust Refund	4.60
Bounties	45.75
Head Tax Expense Reimbursement	29.63

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14,621.35

#### *From Local Sources, Except Taxes—*

Dog Licenses	509.50
Business Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees	225.00
Fines & Forfeits—Municipal Court	145.88
Rent of Town Property	2,019.00
Income from Depts.—Approp. Credits	12,872.34
Motor Vehicle Permits	10,028.75

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25,800.47

*Receipts Other Than Current Revenue—*

Sewer Bonds Issued	175,000.00
Other Sewer Const. Account Receipts	4,264.27
Temporary Loans	75,000.00
Insurance Adjustments	2.18
Refunds	215.56
Gifts	150.00
Sewer Entrance Fees (contra)	258.00
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	254,890.01
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Total Receipts from All Sources	519,963.46
Balance—December 31, 1952	185,638.12
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Grand Total	\$705,601.58

*EXPENDITURES*

*General Government—*

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,700.00
Town Officers' Expenses	3,401.80
Tax Collector's Head Tax Fees	91.00
Town Clerk's Motor Vehicle Fees	687.00
Town Manager's Salary	4,507.44
Town Manager's Expenses	597.67
Clerical Expenses	2,268.93
Tax Commission Audit	295.04
Election & Registration	206.35
Municipal Court Expenses	400.00
Town Hall & Other Town Buildings	2,164.54
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	16,319.77

*Protection of Persons and Property—*

Police Department	3,728.52
Fire Dept., Including Forest Fires	7,373.40
Moth Extermination—Blister Rust	400.00
Bounties	62.25
Insurance	2,928.59
Civilian Defense	28.41
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	14,521.17

*Health—*

Health Department—Nurse	2,500.00
Red Cross	300.00
Vital Statistics	72.75
Town Dump	1,371.38
Sewer Maintenance	805.45
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	5,049.58

*Highways and Bridges—*

Town Road Aid	894.43	
Town Maintenance—Summer	18,355.56	
Winter	12,415.40	
Street Lighting	313.91	
General Expense of Highway Dept.	9,575.92	
Street Cleaning	606.05	
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		42,161.27

<i>Libraries—</i>	3,000.00
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*Public Welfare—*

Old Age Assistance	9,405.77	
Town Poor	3,111.38	
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		12,517.15

*Patriotic Purposes—*

Memorial Day	350.00	
Soldiers' Aid	292.96	
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		642.96

*Recreation—*

Parks and Playgrounds	2,779.93
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*Public Service Enterprises—*

Cemeteries	1,500.00
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*Unclassified—*

Damages & Legal Expenses	135.70	
Advertising & Regional Assns.	986.00	
Taxes Bought by Town	1,243.83	
Tax Refunds	35.15	
Employees' Retirement	1,896.46	
Permanent Records	842.73	
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		5,139.87

*Interest—*

Paid on Temporary Loans	738.24	
Paid on Long Term Notes	135.00	
Paid on Bonded Debt	5,218.75	
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		6,091.99

*Outlay for New Const. and Equipment—*

Highways & Bridges—Town Construction	2,761.30	
Sewer Construction	311,931.37	
Lands & Buildings—Yarnery	2,500.00	
New Equipment—Highway	3,150.00	
Office	441.91	
Fire Station Construction Account	625.77	
	<hr/>	321,410.35

*Indebtedness—*

Payments on Temporary Loans	75,000.00	
Payments on Bonded Debt	12,500.00	
	<hr/>	87,500.00

*Payments to Other Govt. Divisions*

*Head Taxes to State Treasurer—*

A/c 1952 Head Taxes & Penalties	5,811.56	
A/c 1953 Head Taxes	4,077.00	
	<hr/>	9,888.56
County Taxes	14,348.17	
Payments to Precincts	8,820.00	

*Payments to School District—*

1952-53 Appropriation	47,970.71	
1953-54 Appropriation	42,784.00	
	<hr/>	90,754.71
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		123,811.44
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Total Payments for All Purposes		642,445.48
Balance—December 31, 1953		63,156.10
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Grand Total		\$705,601.58



**Exhibit F**  
**Town of Meredith**  
**Summary of Receipts & Expend. & Proof of Treas.'s Balance**  
**Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1953**

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Balance—December 31, 1952	\$185,638.12	
Receipts During Year	519,963.46	
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		\$705,601.58
Expenditures During Year		642,445.48
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		63,156.10

*PROOF OF BALANCE*

*General Fund Account—*

Balance in Meredith Trust Co. per Statement Jan. 5, 1954	44,851.20	
Less: Outstanding Checks	5,896.77	
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		38,954.43

*Sewer Const. Bond Account—*

Balance in Meredith Trust Co. per Statement Jan. 5, 1954	45,202.57	
Less: Outstanding Checks	22,312.67	
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		22,889.90

*Sewer Entrance Fee Fund Account—*

Balance in Meredith Trust Co. per Statement Jan. 4, 1954	258.00	
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*Fire Station Const. Fund Account—*

Balance in Meredith Trust Co. per Statement July 24, 1953	553.77	
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*Payroll Account—*

Balance in Meredith Trust Co. per Statement Jan. 4, 1954	751.72	
Less: Outstanding Checks	251.72	
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		500.00

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Reconciled Balance—December 31, 1953	\$63,156.10
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**Exhibit G**  
**Town of Meredith**  
**Summary of Warrant—Levy of 1953**  
**Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1953**

<i>DEBITS</i>	<i>Property Taxes</i>	<i>Poll Taxes</i>	<i>Yield Taxes</i>	<i>Int.</i>
Taxes Committed to Col.	\$220,414.22	\$1,986.00	\$2,278.48	\$
<i>Added Taxes—</i>				
Property & Poll Taxes	579.95	56.00		
National Bank Stock Tax	15.00			
Interest Collected				14.55
	<u>\$221,009.17</u>	<u>\$2,042.00</u>	<u>\$2,278.48</u>	<u>\$14.55</u>
 <i>CREDITS</i>				
Remittances to Treasurer	\$187,711.02	\$1,606.00	\$642.33	\$14.55
Abatements Allowed	589.41	2.00		
Uncoll. Taxes-Dec. 31, '53	32,716.79	434.00	1,636.15	
	<u>\$221,017.22</u>	<u>\$2,042.00</u>	<u>\$2,278.48</u>	<u>\$14.55</u>
Less: Excess Credit a/c				
Property Taxes	8.05			
	<u>\$221,009.17</u>	<u>\$2,042.00</u>	<u>\$2,278.48</u>	<u>\$14.55</u>

# Exhibit G-1

## Town of Meredith

### Summary of Tax Warrants—Levies of Prior Years Period Jan. 1 to Sept. 15, 1953

— LEVY OF 1952 —				Levy of 1951		Levy of 1950		Levy
	Property	Poll	Yield	Property Taxes	Poll Taxes	Property Taxes	Poll Taxes	of 1949
<i>DEBITS</i>	Uncoll. Taxes-Dec. 31, 1952	\$27,301.17	\$416.00	\$1,342.91	\$	\$1,228.96	\$18.00	\$265.53
	Added Taxes	95.85	22.00					\$1.60
	Interest Collected			355.51				1.60
		\$27,397.02	\$438.00	\$1,342.91	\$355.51	\$1,228.96	\$18.00	\$265.53
<i>CREDITS</i>	Remittances to Treasurer	\$24,601.75	\$208.00	\$110.34	\$355.51	\$421.16	\$	\$1.60
	Abatements	460.51				807.80	18.00	265.53
	Uncoll. Taxes-Sept. 14, 1953	2,334.76	230.00	1,232.57				
		\$27,397.02	\$438.00	\$1,342.91	\$355.51	\$1,228.96	\$18.00	\$265.53
						\$108.80	\$2.00	\$2.00
						\$108.80	\$2.00	\$2.00

**Exhibit G-2**  
**Town of Meredith**

**Ernest L. Libby — Tax Collector**

**Summary of Tax Warrants—Levies of Prior Years**  
**Period Sept. 16 to Dec. 31, 1953**

		— LEVIES OF —			
DEBITS	1952	1951	1950	1949	
Uncollected Taxes - Sept. 15, 1953—					
Property Taxes	\$2,334.76	\$807.80	\$108.80	\$	
Poll Taxes	230.00	18.00	2.00	2.00	
Yield Taxes	1,232.57	265.53			
Added Taxes—					
Property Taxes	38.76				
Interest	9.65				
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	\$3,845.74	\$1,091.33	\$110.80	\$2.00	
CREDITS					
Remittances to Treasurer—					
A/c Property Taxes	\$1,473.16	\$	\$	\$	
A/c Poll Taxes	114.00				
A/c Yield Taxes	833.57	265.53			
A/c Interest	9.65				
Uncollected Taxes-Dec. 31, 1953—					
Property Taxes	912.12	807.80	108.80		
Poll Taxes	116.00	18.00	2.00	2.00	
Yield Taxes	399.00				
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	\$3,857.50	\$1,091.33	\$110.80	\$2.00	
Less—Excess Credits—					
A/c Property Taxes	11.76				
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	\$3,845.74	\$1,091.33	\$110.80	\$2.00	



# Exhibit G-3

## Town of Meredith

### Summary of Tax Sale Account—Jan. 1 to Sept. 15, 1953

<i>DEBITS</i>	— TAX LEVIES OF —				
	<i>Total</i>	1952	1951	1950	1949
Unredeemed Taxes-Dec. 31, 1952	\$ 905.84	\$	\$592.38	\$231.94	\$56.59
Tax Sale—August 26, 1953	1,243.83	1,243.83			
Interest Collected	1.15	1.15			
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	\$2,150.82	\$1,243.83	\$593.53	\$231.94	\$56.59
				<hr/>	<hr/>
				\$15.85	\$9.08

## CREDITS

<i>Remittances to Treasurer—</i>					
A/c Redemptions	\$ 28.85	\$	\$28.85		
A/c Interest	1.15	1.15			
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Unredeemed Taxes-Sept. 15, 1953	2,120.82	1,243.83	563.53	\$231.94	\$56.59
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	\$2,150.82	\$1,243.83	\$593.53	\$231.94	\$56.59
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				\$15.85	\$9.08
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				\$15.85	\$9.08

Exhibit G-4  
Town of Meredith

Ernest L. Libby — Tax Collector

Summary of Tax Sale Account—Sept. 16 to Dec. 31, 1953

	— TAX LEVIES OF —					Total
	1952	1951	1950	1949	1948	
<i>DEBITS</i>						
Unredeemed Taxes-Sept. 15, 1953		\$563.53	\$231.94	56.59	\$15.85	\$9.08
Interest Collected After Sale	\$1,243.83	2.52	1.68			\$2,120.82
						4.20
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	\$1,243.83	\$566.05	\$233.62	\$56.59	\$15.85	\$9.08
						<hr/>
						\$2,125.02

*CREDITS*

<i>Remittances to Treasurer—</i>						
A/c Redemptions	\$ 225.00	\$21.96	\$6.30	\$	\$	\$253.26
A/c Interest		2.52	1.68			4.20
By Abatements		2.72				2.72
Unredeemed Taxes-Dec. 31, 1953	1,018.83	538.85	225.64	56.59	15.85	9.08
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$1,243.83	\$566.05	\$233.62	\$56.59	\$15.85	\$9.08
						<hr/>
						\$2,125.02

**Exhibit G-5**  
**Town of Meredith**

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**Summary of State Head Tax Warrant—Levy of 1953**  
**Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1953**

<i>DEBITS</i>	<i>Head Taxes</i>	<i>Penalties</i>
State Head Taxes Committed to Collector	\$6,210.00	\$
Added State Head Taxes	130.00	
Penalties Collected		<b>8.50</b>
	<hr/> \$6,340.00	<hr/> <b>\$8.50</b>
 <i>CREDITS</i>		
Remittances to Treasurer	\$4,875.00	<b>\$9.50</b>
Abatements Allowed	5.00	
Uncollected State Head Taxes-Dec. 31, 1953	1,440.00	
	<hr/> \$6,320.00	<hr/> <b>\$9.50</b>
Cash on Hand—December 31, 1953	20.00	
	<hr/> \$6,340.00	<hr/> <b>\$9.50</b>
Less: Excess Credit		<b>1.00</b>
	<hr/> \$6,340.00	<hr/> <b>\$8.50</b>

**Exhibit G-6**  
**Town of Meredith**

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**Summary of State Head Tax Warrant—Levies of 1951 & '52**  
**Period January 1 to September 15, 1953**

<i>DEBITS</i>	<i>Levy of 1951</i>	<i>Levy of 1295</i>
Uncollected Head Taxes-Dec. 31, '52	\$5.00	\$1,575.00
Added During Period		10.00
Penalties Collected		29.00
	<hr/> \$5.00	<hr/> \$1,614.00
 <i>CREDITS</i>		
<i>Remittances to Treasurer—</i>		
A/c State Head Taxes	\$	\$690.00
A/c Penalties		29.00
Abatements Allowed	5.00	
Uncollected Head Taxes-Sept. 15, '53		895.00
	<hr/> \$5.00	<hr/> \$1,614.00

**Exhibit G-7**  
**Town of Meredith**

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**Ernest L. Libby — Tax Collector**  
**Summary of State Head Tax Warrant — Levies of 1952**  
**Period Sept. 16 to Dec. 31, 1953**

<i>DEBITS</i>	<i>Head Taxes</i>	<i>Penalties</i>
Uncollected State Head Taxes-Sept. 15, 1953	\$895.00	\$
Penalties Collected During Period		32.50
	<hr/> \$895.00	<hr/> \$32.50
 <i>CREDITS</i>		
Remittances to Treasurer	\$360.00	\$32.50
Abatements Allowed	265.00	
Uncollected State Head Taxes-Dec. 31, 1953	270.00	
	<hr/> \$895.00	<hr/> \$32.50



# **Exhibit H** **Town of Meredith**

## **Summary of Town Clerk's Motor Vehicle & Dog License Acts** **Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1953**

### *DEBITS*

#### *Motor Vehicle Permits Issued—*

1952-No. 150998-No. 151045	\$ 144.46	\$	\$
1953-No. 158013-No. 159367	9,809.76		
1954-No. 159001-No. 159008	77.37		
			10,031.59

#### *Dog Licenses Issued—*

184 @ \$2.00	\$368.00
21 @ \$5.00	105.00
1 @ 12.00	12.00
1 @ 20.00	20.00

	505.00	
Penalties Collected	2.50	
Bowling Alley License	80.00	
		\$10,619.09

### *CREDITS*

#### *Remittances to Treasurer—*

A/c Motor Vehicle Permits	\$10,030.75	\$	\$
A/c Dog Licenses	505.00		
A/c Penalties	2.50		
A/c License Issued	80.00		

	\$10,618.25	
<i>Cash on Hand—Dec. 31, 1953—</i>		
A/c Motor Vehicle Permits	.84	
		\$10,619.09

**Exhibit I**  
**Town of Meredith**

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**Meredith Public Library—Summary of Receipts &  
Expenditures and Proof of Balance**  
**Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1953**

Balance—December 31, 1952	\$ 249.44
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**Receipts During Year:**

Town Appropriation	\$3,000.00	
Income from Trust Funds	737.83	
Contribution	6.95	
Insurance Adjustment	62.72	
Books Sold	61.08	
Book Fines	98.90	
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Total Receipts		3,967.48
		<hr/>
		\$4,216.92

**Expenditures:**

Salary—Librarian	\$ 843.30	
Salary—Assistant Librarian	306.00	
Convention Expenses	44.60	
Janitor Service	255.00	
Books and Magazines	639.02	
Library Supplies	52.80	
Janitor Supplies	13.82	
Repairs—General	150.17	
Oil Burner	39.48	
Lawn Mower	2.00	
Interior Painting	350.00	
Linoleum	175.00	
Window Shades	97.20	
Insurance	107.75	
Electricity	74.51	
Fuel	339.26	
Water	12.50	
Advertising	9.00	
Dues	11.00	
Box Rent	3.70	
Miscellaneous	20.09	
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Total Expenditures		3,546.20
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Balance—December 31, 1953	\$ 670.72
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### Proof of Balance

Balance in Meredith Trust Co.

as per statement Dec. 29, 1953 \$541.99

Less: Outstanding Check No. 1211 30.00

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511.99

Add: Deposit Not Credited-Jan. 5, 1954 148.15

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660.14

Add: Cash on hand (bal. book fines unexp.) 10.58

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Reconciled Balance-Dec. 31, 1953 \$670.72

**Exhibit J**  
**Town of Meredith**

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**Statement of Trust Fund Principal, Income & Investments**

**Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1953**

**Principal-Dec. 31, 1952:**

Cemetery Funds	\$14,449.72	
Library Funds	14,830.62	
School Funds	1,028.00	
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		30,308.34
Cemetery Fund Created in '53		300.00

**Income Added to Principal  
During Year:**

Library Funds	9.68	
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		\$30,618.02

**Income Activity:**

Unexp. Bal.-Dec. 31, '52	2,956.47	
Earned During Year	1,022.15	
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		3,978.62
Expenditures During Year		664.04
		<hr/>
Unexp. Balance-Dec. 31, '53		3,314.58
		<hr/>
		\$33,932.60

**Investments**

**Meredith Village Savings Bank**      \$22,935.95

**Investments:**

Boston Fund Inc.	\$4,056.00	
Eaton & Howard Fund	3,991.84	
Chemical Fund	2,948.81	
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		10,996.65
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		\$33,932.60



**Exhibit K**  
**Town of Meredith**  
**Statement of Indebtedness, Showing Annual Maturities**  
**of Principal and Interest**

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1953

Date Orig. Issue Amt. Orig. Issue Prin. Pay. Date Int. Pay. Dates Payable At	Street Improvement Bonds @ 4%	Fire Station Bonds @ 1½%	Follett Road Notes @ 1½%	Sewer Construction Notes @ 1.6%	Sewer Construction Bonds @ 2¾%
	March 1, 1934	May 1, 1946	Dec. 15, 1947	May 1, 1952	July 1, 1953
	\$25,000.00	\$33,000.00	\$14,000.00	\$350,000.00	\$175,000.00
	March 1st	May 1st	December 1st	May 1st	July 1st
	Sept. 1 & March 1	Nov. 1 & May 1	June 15 & Dec. 1	Nov. 1 & May 1	Jan. 1 & July 1
	First Nat. Bank Boston, Mass.	First Nat. Bank Boston, Mass.	Leland Powers Boston, Mass.	Nat. Shawmut Boston, Mass.	Nat. Shawmut Boston, Mass.

Maturities Year Ending	Principal Interest		Prin. Interest		Principal Interest		Principal Interest		Principal Interest		— TOTAL —	
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
1954	\$500.00	\$30.00	\$3,000.	\$157.50	\$1,000.	\$90.	\$15,000.	\$5,240.	\$10,000.	\$4,675.00	\$29,500.	\$10,192.50
1955			3,000.	112.50	1,000.	75.	15,000.	5,000.	10,000.	4,400.00	29,000.	9,587.50
1956			3,000.	67.50	1,000.	60.	15,000.	4,760.	10,000.	4,125.00	29,000.	9,012.50
1957			3,000.	22.50	1,000.	45.	15,000.	4,520.	10,000.	3,850.00	29,000.	8,437.50
1958					1,000.	30.	15,000.	4,280.	10,000.	3,575.00	26,000.	7,885.00
1959					1,000.	15.	15,000.	4,040.	10,000.	3,300.00	26,000.	7,355.00
1960							15,000.	3,800.	10,000.	3,025.00	25,000.	6,825.00
1961							15,000.	3,560.	10,000.	2,750.00	25,000.	6,310.00

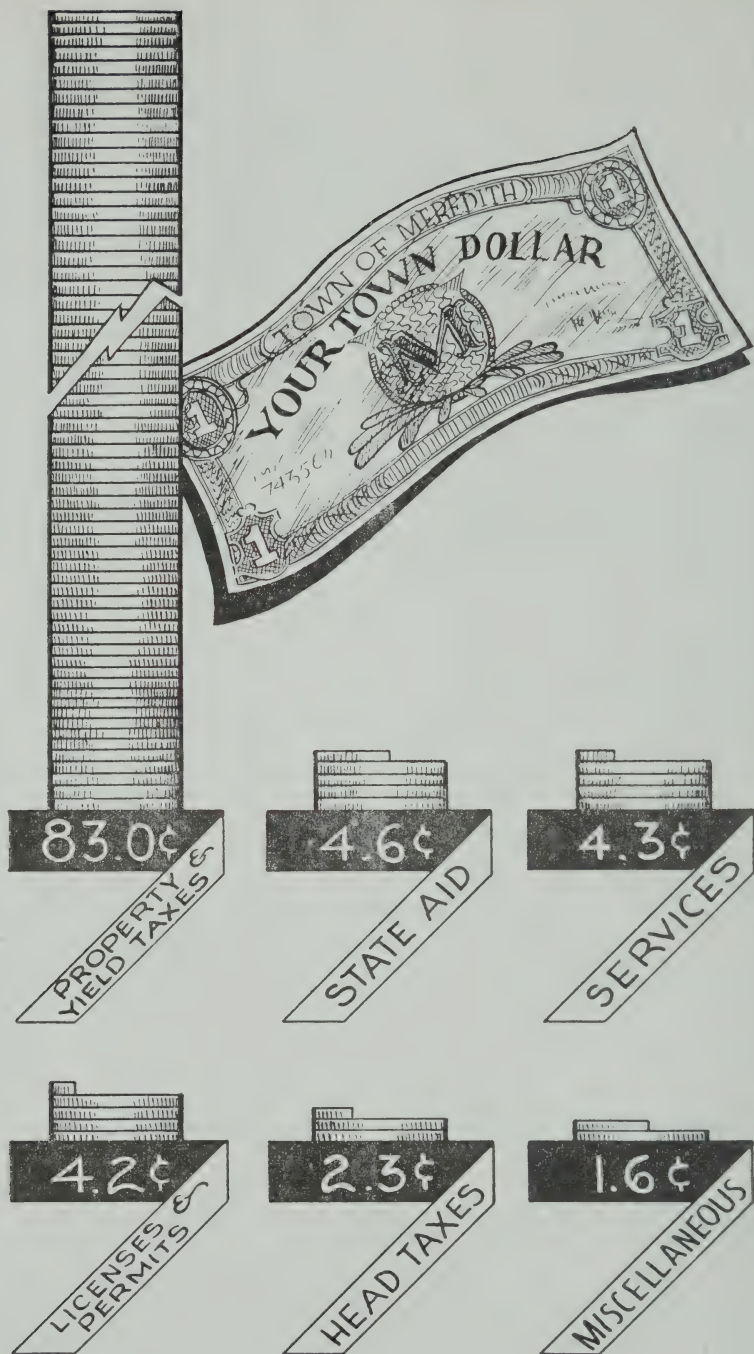
1962	\$500.00	\$30.00	\$12,000.	\$350.00	\$6,000.	\$315.	335,000.	\$60,520.	\$175,000.	\$42,968.75	\$528,500.	\$104,193.75
1963							15,000.	3,320.	10,000.	2,475.00	25,000.	5,795.00
1964							15,000.	3,080.	10,000.	2,200.00	25,000.	5,280.00
1965							15,000.	2,840.	10,000.	1,925.00	25,000.	4,765.00
1966							15,000.	2,600.	10,000.	1,650.00	25,000.	4,250.00
1967							15,000.	2,360.	10,000.	1,375.00	25,000.	3,735.00
1968							15,000.	2,120.	10,000.	1,100.00	25,000.	3,220.00
1969							15,000.	1,880.	10,000.	825.00	25,000.	2,705.00
1970							15,000.	1,640.	5,000.	618.75	20,000.	2,258.75
1971							15,000.	1,400.	5,000.	481.25	20,000.	1,881.25
1972							15,000.	1,160.	5,000.	343.75	20,000.	1,503.75
1973							15,000.	920.	5,000.	206.25	20,000.	1,126.25
1974							10,000.	720.	5,000.	68.75	15,000.	788.75
1975							10,000.	560.			10,000.	560.00
1976							10,000.	400.			10,000.	240.00
1977							10,000.	240.			10,000.	400.00
							10,000.	80.			10,000.	80.00

**Exhibit L**  
**Town of Meredith**  
**Surety Bonds — 1953**

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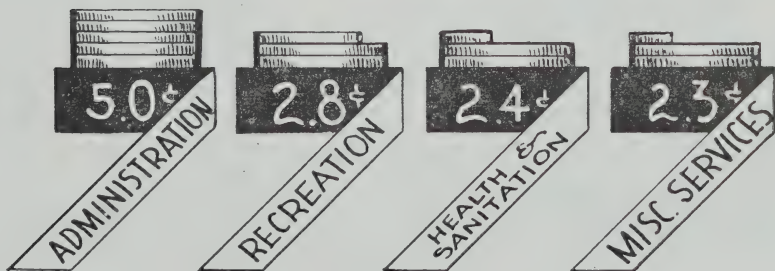
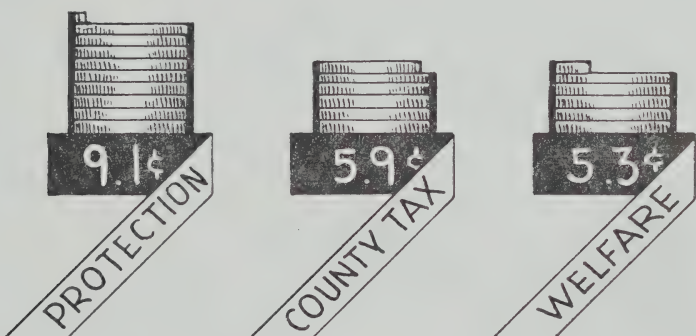
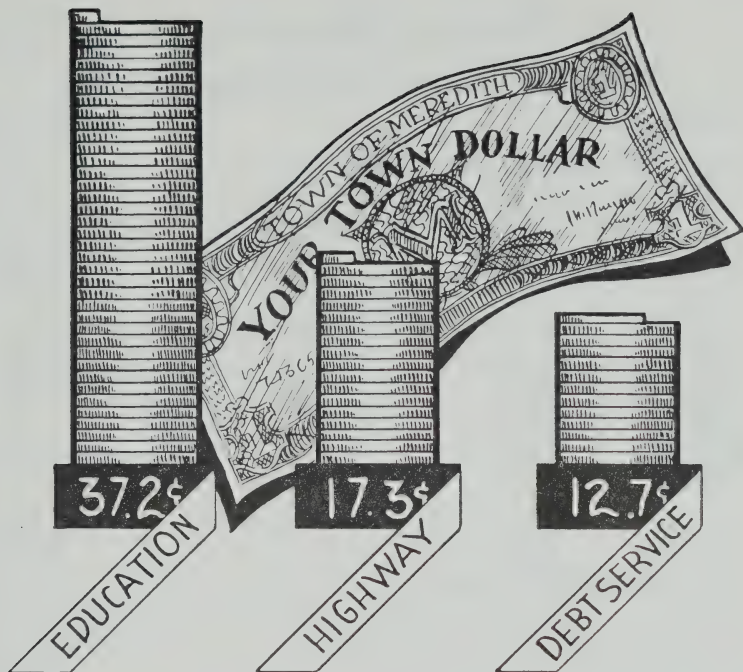
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Term Beginning</i>
<i>Tax Collector—</i>			
Ernest L. Libby			
Peerless Casualty Co.	F-153592	\$18,900.00	July 24, 1953
Peerless Casualty Co.	F-153854	\$2,000.00	Sept. 25, 1953
<i>Town Manager—</i>			
Ernest L. Libby			
Peerless Casualty Co.	F-152964	\$5,000.00	April 20, 1953
<i>Town Clerk—</i>			
Guy U. Horne			
Peerless Casualty Co.	S-62636	\$1,000.00	March 10, 1953
<i>Town Treasurer—</i>			
Richard B. Wein			
Peerless Casualty Co.	F-150103	\$15,000.00	March 10, 1953
<i>Trustees of Trust Funds—</i>			
Henry H. Stark, Jr.			
Peerless Casualty Co.		\$5,000.00	March 10, 1953
John W. Beede			
Peerless Casualty Co.	S-42541	\$5,000.00	March 11, 1952
John R. Weeks			
Peerless Casualty Co.	S-91853	\$5,000.00	March 11, 1952





WHERE IT CAME FROM





WHERE IT WENT

# Detailed Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures

## Town Officers' Salaries:

Receipts	
Appropriation	\$ 1,700.00
Expenditures	
Marshall S. Hodsdon	500.00
Norman R. Martin	400.00
Henry T. Boothby	400.00
Richard B. Wein	200.00
Guy U. Horne	200.00
	<hr/> \$ 1,700.00

## Town Officer's Expenses:

Receipts	
Appropriation	2,500.00
Samuel Aceto Co. - Reimbursement telephone charges	227.33
State of N. H. - Cost of Head Tax Bills	29.63
Water Dept. - Postage Refund	8.23
Overdraft 12-31-53	636.61
	<hr/> \$ 3,401.80
Expenditures	
Postage & P. O. Box Rental	303.51
Memberships & Dues	21.00
Telephone	373.14
Office Supplies	
Town Manager's Office	254.61
Town Clerk's Office	105.78
Assessors	982.37
Belknap County Registry of Deeds	80.80
Safe Deposit Box Rental	12.00
1952 Town Reports	753.20
Dog Tags	23.57
Printing & Stationery	195.55
Reference Books	21.40
Miscellaneous	274.87
	<hr/> \$ 3,401.80

**Town Clerk's Motor Vehicle Fees:**

## Receipts

Appropriation	700.00
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## Expenditures

Guy U. Horne, Town Clerk	687.00
Balance—Dec. 31, 1953	13.00
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	700.00

**Town Manager's Salary:**

## Receipts

Appropriation	4,800.00
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## Expenditures

Robert W. Rhodes	1,661.40
Ernest L. Libby	2,846.04
Balance 12-31-53	292.56
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	4,800.00

**Town Manager's Expenses:**

## Receipts

Appropriation	500.00
Overdraft	97.67
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	597.67

## Expenditures

Robert W. Rhodes	242.10
Ernest L. Libby	355.57
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	597.67

**Clerical:**

## Receipts

Appropriation	2,250.00
Overdraft	18.93
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	2,268.93

### Expenditures

Emma Pike	2,254.63	
Margaret Booth	14.30	
	<hr/>	2,268.93

### Assessment Records:

#### Receipts

Balance 1-1-53	355.39	
Appropriation	1,200.00	
	<hr/>	1,555.39

#### Expenditures

Clerical - Copying Records	842.73	
Unexpended 12-31-53	712.66	
	<hr/>	1,555.39

### Tax Commission Audit:

#### Receipts

Appropriation		300.00
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#### Expenditures

Tax Commission	295.04	
Unexpended 12-31-53	4.96	
	<hr/>	300.00

### Retirement:

#### Receipts

Appropriation	1,200.00	
Guy U. Horne	94.20	
Overdraft	602.26	
	<hr/>	1,896.46

#### Expenditures

State of N. H. Retirement Board		1,895.46
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## **Election & Registration:**

### **Receipts**

Appropriation	350.00
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### **Expenditures**

Salaries	127.70
Meals	30.95
Printing & Miscellaneous Supplies	47.70
Unexpended	143.65
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	350.00

## **Municipal Court:**

### **Receipts**

Appropriation	400.00
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### **Expenditures**

Ripley W. Ropes, Justice	400.00
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## **Town Hall & Other Buildings:**

### **Receipts**

Appropriation	1,600.00
Rentals	2,025.50
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	3,625.50

### **Expenditures**

Lights & Power	89.18
Fuel	210.27
Janitor Service	131.00
Janitor's Supplies	20.92
Repairs	146.22
Water Dept.	23.47
Piano Tuning	10.00
Electrical & Plumbing Repairs	127.21
Chimney Cleaning	10.00
Flood Damage & Repairs	362.47
Roof Repairs	7.00
Bear Island Post Office Repairs	86.14
Yarnery Building Repairs & Reconstruction	
Painting	208.27
Carpentry	57.50



Cleaning	26.00	
Lumber & Materials	77.34	
Sump Pump Repairs	15.00	
Roof Repair	18.00	
Lighting Fixtures	456.65	
Venetian Blinds	81.90	
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	2,164.54	
Unexpended 12-31-53	1,460.96	
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		3,625.50

**Police Department:**

	Receipts	
Appropriation	3,600.00	
Alexander Standish	4.50	
Robert Van Horne	35.00	
Overdraft	89.02	
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		3,728.52

	Expenditures	
Salary - Chief of Police	2,515.00	
Expenses - Chief of Police	440.00	
Special Officers	393.20	
Telephone	133.25	
Police Light	18.00	
Witness Fees	2.00	
Medical Exams	10.00	
Signs & Printing	9.45	
Badge Repairs	1.00	
Badges	24.92	
Boat Transportation	10.00	
Town of Sanbornton - Special Police	100.00	
Carroll Straw - Uniform Expense	40.00	
Meredith Motors Inc. - Auto Repairs	25.00	
Disposal of Dogs	2.50	
Safety Rope	4.20	
	<hr/>	
		3,728.52

**Fire Department & Forest Fires:**

	Receipts	
Appropriation	4,327.00	
Reimbursement - Other Towns & Individuals - Forest Fires	2,432.05	
Overdraft	614.35	
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		7,373.40

Expenditures		
Meredith Village Fire Precinct	4,127.00	
Payrolls - Forest Fires	3,194.22	
Indian Pumps	31.05	
Boat Transportation	15.00	
Fire Brooms	6.13	
	<hr/>	7,373.40

**Blister Rust:**

Receipts		
Appropriation		400.00
Expenditures		
State Forester		400.00

**Civilian Defense:**

Receipts		
Appropriation		100.00
Expenditures		
N. H. Civil Defense Agency	6.98	
White Mountain Power Co.	21.43	
Unexpended 12-31-53	71.59	
	<hr/>	100.00

**Bounties:**

Receipts		
Due from State of N. H.		61.25
Expenditures		
Paid Bounties		61.25

**Damages & Legal Expense:**

Receipts		
Appropriation		500.00
Expenditures		
M. D. Hale, V. M. D.	6.00	
T. J. Collard, Witness Fees	126.70	
Damage to Fence	3.00	
Unexpended	364.30	
	<hr/>	500.00

## Health Department :

Receipts	
Appropriation	4,050.00
Expenditures	
Meredith Public Health Nursing Assn.	2,500.00
Red Cross - Life Guard	300.00
Due Laconia Hospital (paid in 1954)	1,250.00
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	4,050.00

## Dump:

Receipts	
Appropriation	800.00
Overdraft	571.38
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	1,371.38
Expenditures	
Labor - Attendants	1,017.75
Bulldozing	347.13
Signs	6.50
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	1,371.38

## Vital Statistics:

Receipts	
Appropriation	150.00
Expenditures	
Guy U. Horne - Town Clerk	72.75
Balance 12-31-53	77.25
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	150.00

## Town Road Aid:

Receipts	
Appropriation	894.43
Expenditures	
State of New Hampshire	894.43

**Summer Maintenance:****Receipts**

Appropriation	11,500.00
Receipts & Reimbursements	6,855.56

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**18,355.56****Expenditures**

Labor	9,714.33
Gravel	1,087.99
Culverts	824.17
Cold Patch	801.94
Truck Hire	494.60
Tractor Hire	460.90
Shovel & Bulldozer Hire	346.82
Tar & Asphalt	4,617.31
Signs	7.50

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**18,355.56****Winter Maintenance:****Receipts**

Appropriation	11,500.00
Misc. Receipts	656.80
Overdraft	258.60

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**12,415.40****Expenditures**

Labor	8,510.49
Sand	400.61
Salt	1,876.00
Truck Hire	923.85
Equipment Hire	372.00
Town of Sanbornton - Plowing 1951-52	100.00
E. H. Burleigh - Plowing 1952-53	204.00
Irving W. Brown - Reimbursement	25.00
Miscellaneous	3.45

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**12,415.40****Town Construction:****Receipts**

Appropriation	2,500.00
Overdraft	261.30

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**2,761.30**

### Expenditures

Wotanda Road	197.10
Leavitt Park Road	515.36
Collins Road (Lake Winnisquam)	1,031.18
St. James Street	908.41
Eaton Parkway	109.25

2,761.30

### General Expenses - Highway Department:

#### Receipts

Appropriation	6,000.00
Refund - Gas Tax	89.99
Rentals & Reimbursements	2,501.89
Overdraft	984.04

9,575.92

#### Expenditures

Gasoline & Diesel Oil	2,789.25
Fuel Oil	699.33
Oils & Grease	375.81
Parts & Repairs - Equipment	3,439.61
Tools	66.69
Express & Freight	63.45
Paint	73.05
Batteries	18.85
Electricity	60.88
Tires	898.27
Water Rental	12.50
Plow & Grader Blades	265.91
Lumber & Sawing	78.75
Loader Rental	75.00
Foreman - Truck Expense	300.00
Building Repair Materials	202.25
Miscellaneous - Chains, Anti-freeze, etc,	156.32

9,575.92

### Street Cleaning:

#### Receipts

Appropriation	600.00
Overdraft	6.05

606.05



	Expenditures	
Labor	586.70	
Brooms	19.35	
	<hr/>	606.05

# Libraries:

	Receipts	
Appropriation	2,500.00	
Balance 12-31-52	500.00	
	<hr/>	3,000.00

## Expenditures

Meredith Public Library	3,000.00
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# Cemeteries:

	Receipts	
Appropriation		1,500.00

## Expenditures

Meredith Village Cemetery Assn.	1,000.00	
Oakland Cemetery Assn.	500.00	
	<hr/>	1,500.00

# Street Lighting:

	Receipts	
Appropriation		350.00

## Expenditures

White Mountain Power Co.	282.91	
N. H. Electric Co-op.	31.00	
Balance Dec. 31, 1953	36.09	
	<hr/>	350.00

# Insurance:

	Receipts	
Appropriation	2,250.00	
Reimbursements	449.33	
Overdraft	229.26	
	<hr/>	2,928.59

Expenditures		
Guy Horne Agency	1,975.95	
Bertram Blaisdell Agency	952.64	2,928.59
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**Welfare:**

**Town Poor—**

Receipts		
Appropriation	3,000.00	
Reimbursements for Aid Furnished	458.76	3,458.76
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Expenditures		
Board and Care of Children	1,167.50	
Medical and Hospital Care	1,315.72	
Food	384.31	
Milk	51.86	
Fuel	72.60	
Clothing	119.39	
Balance Dec. 31, 1953	347.38	3,458.76
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**Old Age Assistance—**

Receipts		
Appropriation	9,000.00	
Overdraft	405.77	9,405.77
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Expenditures		
State of New Hampshire		9,405.77

**Soldiers' Aid:**

Receipts		
Appropriation		300.00

Expenditures		
Case No. 1	214.46	
Case No. 2	5.00	
Case No. 3	29.13	
Case No. 4	23.85	
Case No. 5	20.52	
Balance Dec. 31, 1953	7.04	300.00
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## Memorial Day Observance:

### Receipts

Appropriation	350.00
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### Expenditures

Griggs-Wyatt Post, American Legion	350.00
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## Parks and Playgrounds:

### Receipts

Appropriation	2,500.00	
Woman's Progress Club—Gift	150.00	
Reimbursement from Sewer Const.	122.50	
Emma Pike	.50	2,773.00

### Expenditures

#### Clough Park:

Caretaker	874.23
Lawn Mower	28.50
Water Faucet Repair	4.53
Miscellaneous Supplies	12.84

#### Leavitt Park:

Gravel	44.90
Labor	426.56
Lumber & Building Materials	93.04
Waste Barrels	3.00
Paint	12.20
Equipment Hire	264.45
Toilet Building	240.00
4 Chemical Toilets	45.00
Cement	29.64
Mowing Bushes	10.50

#### Ball Park:

Equipment Hire	10.00
Labor	22.39

#### Band Stand:

Mowing and Repair	158.15	
Balance Dec. 31, 1953	493.07	2,773.00

## Band Concerts:

### Receipts

Appropriation	500.00
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**Expenditures**

Meredith Band		500.00
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**New Equipment—Trucks:**

**Receipts**

Appropriation	3,100.00	
Overdraft	50.00	3,150.00
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**Expenditures**

Meredith Motors, Inc.	3,150.00
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**New Equipment—Office:**

**Receipts**

Appropriation	500.00
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**Expenditures**

Cash Register	189.50	
Postage Meter	252.41	
Balance Dec. 31, 1953	58.09	500.00
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**Yarnery Purchase:**

**Receipts**

Appropriation	2,500.00
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**Expenditures**

O. G. Piper Estate	2,500.00
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**Temporary Loans:**

**Tax Anticipation:**

**Receipts**

Meredith Trust Co.	75,000.00
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**Expenditures**

Meredith Trust Co.	75,000.00
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**Notes and Bonds:**

**Receipts**

Appropriation	22,500.00
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**Expenditures**

Paid Notes and Bonds	12,500.00	
Balance Dec. 31, 1953	10,000.00	22,500.00
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**Interest:**

Receipts		
Appropriation		6,467.00
Expenditures		
Paid Interest	6,091.99	
Balance Dec. 31, 1953	375.01	6,467.00
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**County Tax:**

Receipts		
Appropriation		14,348.17
Expenditures		
Treasurer, Belknap County		14,348.17

**Advertising & Regional Assns:**

Receipts		
Appropriation		986.00
Expenditures		
Lakes Region Association	486.00	
Meredith Chamber of Commerce	500.00	986.00
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**Sewer Maintenance:**

Receipts		
From Construction Acct.	719.45	
Overdraft	86.00	805.45
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Expenditures		
Clerical	320.00	
Plant Operation	485.45	805.45
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**School District Tax:**

Receipts		
Balance January 1, 1953	47,970.71	
Appropriation	97,246.39	145,217.10
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Expenditures		
Treasurer, Meredith School District	90,754.71	
Balance December 31, 1953	54,462.39	145,217.10
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**Sewer Construction:**

Receipts		
For Details, See Page 67		334,821.27
Expenditures		
For Details, See Page 67	311,931.37	
Balance December 31, 1953	22,889.90	334,821.27
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**Fire Station Construction:**

Receipts		
Balance January 1, 1953		1,179.54
Expenditures		
Traffic Warning Signal & Light	317.20	
Labor & Materials, Installing	288.57	
Venetian Blinds	20.00	
Balance December 31, 1953	553.77	1,179.54
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**Precinct Tax:**

Receipts		
Balance January 1, 1953	8.73	
Appropriation	8,820.00	8,828.73
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Expenditures		
Meredith Village Fire Precinct	8,820.00	
Balance December 31, 1953	8.73	8,828.73
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**Tax Map:**

Receipts		
Balance January 1, 1953		100.00
Expenditures		
Balance December 31, 1953		100.00

**Town Dump—Land:**

Receipts		
Balance January 1, 1953		1,000.00

## Expenditures

Balance December 31, 1953	1,000.00
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### Overlay :

## Receipts

Appropriation	3,937.95
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## Expenditures

Abatements	1,089.79	
Balance December 31, 1953	2,848.16	3,937.95

### Sewer Entrance Fees :

## Receipts

129 Entrance Fees @ \$2.00	258.00
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## Expenditures

Balance December 31, 1953	258.00
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## Statement of Balances Carried Forward to 1954

	Dr.	Cr.
Assessment Records		\$ 712.66
Payment on Debt		10,000.00
Interest		375.01
School District		54,462.39
Sewer Construction Account		22,889.90
Fire Station Construction Account		553.77
Tax Map		100.00
Town Dump Land		1,000.00
New Equipment—Office		58.09
Sewer Fees		258.00
Bounties	\$61.25	
Totals .....	\$61.25	\$90,409.82

## Summary of Inventory

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Description of Property	Gross Valuation
Land & Building-Resident	\$2,524,045.00
Land & Buildings-Non-Resident	1,974,875.00
	<u>\$4,498,920.00</u>
Mature Wood and Timber	2,500.00
Electric Plants	120,118.00
Horses	3,200.00
Cows	18,535.00
Other Neat Stock	1,145.00
Sheep and Goats	1,970.00
Fowl	2,700.00
Boats and Launches	61,965.00
Portable Mills	17,225.00
Wood and Lumber	49,800.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks	9,750.00
Stock in Trade	325,600.00
Mills and Machinery	202,833.00
Total Gross Valuation .....	<u>\$5,316,261.00</u>
Less Soldiers' Exemptions	157,825.00
Net Valuation on which Tax Rate is Computed	<u>\$5,158,436.00</u>

# Sewer Construction Account

January 1, 1953 — December 31, 1953

## Receipts:

Balance January 1, 1953	\$155,557.00
Interest on Certificate of Deposit	416.68
Bond Sale	175,000.00
Bond Premium	348.43
Bond Interest	106.94
Refund—Fairbanks, Morse	4.12
Refund—Keasbey & Mattison	6.00
D. E. Ambrose & Sons	611.83
Town of Meredith	9,000.00
Interest on Certificate of Deposit	206.25
Reimbursement for House Connections	2,564.02
Total Receipts	\$343,821.27

## Disbursements:

Metcalf & Eddy	\$23,930.30
Samuel Aceto Co., Inc., Cont. No. 1	73,477.70
C. Juistino, Inc. Cont. No. 2	47,976.32
Landers & Griffin Cont. No. 3	96,075.70
L. & G. Escrow Account	2,938.48
Aceto Escrow Account	3,042.30
Juistino Escrow Account	2,547.50
Equipment & Materials	15,160.73
Travel Expense	323.04
Telephone	433.16
Freight	222.28
Direct Labor	4,617.47
Clerical and Plant Operation	1,019.95
Machinery and Equipment Hire	3,083.45
Bonds and Interest	17,800.00
Legal Fees	1,879.00
Contract No. 3 Bid Costs	41.94
Contract No. 1953—1 Costs	58.00
Office Equipment and Supplies	523.93
Police	1,385.32
1953 Bond Issue Costs	549.60
Insurance	607.05

House Connections—

D. E. Ambrose & Sons	16,969.86	
Pipe and Fittings	3,051.13	
Assessment Plans	256.20	
Tools and Supplies	276.85	
Fencing	745.44	
Electricity and Power	304.98	
Miscellaneous	1,633.69	
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Total Disbursements		320,931.37
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Balance December 31, 1953		\$ 22,889.90

# Report of Town Treasurer

For the Year Ending December 31, 1953

## General Account:

Cash on Hand—January 1, 1953	\$23,975.58	
Receipts During Year	337,742.69	
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		361,718.27
Disbursements		322,763.84
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Cash on Hand—December 31, 1953		\$38,954.43

## Sewer Construction Account:

Cash on Hand—January 1, 1953	155,557.00	
Receipts During Year	188,264.27	
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		243,821.27
Disbursements		220,931.37
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Cash on Hand—December 31, 1953		22,889.90

## Sewer Entrance Fees Account:

Cash on Hand—December 31, 1953	258.00
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## Fire Station Construction Account:

Cash on Hand—January 1, 1953	1,179.54	
		1,179.54
Disbursements		625.77
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Cash on Hand—December 31, 1953		553.77

## Payroll Account:

Cash on Hand—December 31, 1953	500.00
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Total Cash on Hand—All Accounts, December 31, 1953	\$63,156.10

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD B. WEIN

Treasurer



# Report of Treasurer

## Meredith Public Health Nursing Assn.

Balance on Deposit—January 11, 1953 \$ 88.03

### Receipts:

Town of Meredith	\$2,500.00	
Additional 1953 Dues and Donations	12.00	
1954 Dues and Donations	274.10	
Nurses' Collections	150.50	
Union Thanksgiving Service Collection	12.63	2,949.23
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Total Receipts		\$3,037.26

### Disbursements:

Marguerite Curtis, R.N., Salary	\$1,441.44	
Internal Revenue	86.19	
Beverly Bacon, Salary	100.00	
Piper's Oil Service	119.89	
Telephone Service	66.93	
Nurse's Mileage Allowance	586.00	
Prescott's Pharmacy, Supplies	35.29	
Laundry and Cleaning Office	21.40	
Baker & Co.—Curtain Material	21.69	
Mrs. John Turner—Making Curtains	6.00	
Quirk's Electric Shop—Repairs	1.50	
Frank McHugh—Cleaning Burner	5.75	
F. H. O'Brien—Cleaning Typewriter	4.50	
C. C. Rogers—Office Files	9.74	
Meredith Dime Store—Envelopes	2.40	
Leland Fisher—Printing	2.25	
Meredith Pub. Corp.—Printing	31.30	
Meredith Pub. Corp.—Advertisement	2.70	
Postage—Campaign Letters	15.00	
Subscription—Nursing Outlook	4.00	
Am. Heart Assn., Gift in Memory of Miss Heney	5.00	
Blanche O'Brien—Secretary's Expense	3.50	
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Total Disbursements	\$2,572.47	
Cash on Deposit—January 11, 1954	464.79	
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	\$3,037.26	\$3,037.26

Respectfully Submitted,

BEATRICE MACDONALD

Treasurer

**United States Government**

**To: Ernest L. Libby, Town Manager**  
Town of Meredith, New Hampshire

**From: W. S. Codman, District Leader**  
Blister Rust Control

**White Pine Blister Rust Control**

**Town of Meredith — 1953**

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Town Funds Expended	\$395.00	
Cooperative Funds Expended	84.55	
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Total Expended		\$479.95
Received from Town	400.00	
Expended from Town Funds	395.00	
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Balance Due Town		4.60

Area Covered 7,551 acres

Currant and Gooseberry Bushes Destroyed 1,692

I am also jotting down the following figures pertaining to the Town of Meredith which might be of interest:

**Town of Meredith**

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Acres of Pine Area .....	9,716 acres
Acres of Control Area .....	17,563 acres
Area Worked Once .....	17,563 acres
Area Worked Twice .....	14,053 acres
Area Now on Maintenance .....	16,932 acres

W. S. CODMAN

# Report of Community Day Camp

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Early in the summer of 1953 a group of interested citizens conceived the idea of a day camp whereby children of town could have an opportunity to receive a supervised and organized recreation program at Leavitt Park. Organizations and individuals were contacted for financial aid and responded generously.

The program was a full one with physical activities, including all sports, some of which children had not played before, crafts, nature study, music, story telling, a track meet and a swimming meet. Ribbons were awarded winners in the latter two activities.

A morning inspection of each child was conducted by the school nurse, Mrs. Marguerite Curtis. At noon, milk and fruit were distributed to the children to supplement the lunch brought from home.

Transportation to and from the Park was accomplished by means of two buses.

The total enrollment for the 8-week session was 572, with an average attendance of 72. There were 133 individual children registered.

A total of 149 individuals served on the staff of counselors with an average daily attendance of 19.

The success of the entire program was greatly helped by the unselfish cooperation of all who assisted.

The financial report follows:

## Receipts:

From Organizations' Contributions	\$248.00	
From Individuals' Contributions	126.50	
Tag Day	130.11	
Sale of Tonic and Candy	29.00	
Children's Sales	3.00	
Show by Norman Plaisted	1.50	
Food Sale	30.05	
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Total Receipts .....		\$568.16

**Expenditures:**

Transportation	\$ 90.00	
Director's Salary	120.00	
Insurance	108.15	
Milk and Fruit	60.03	
Craft Materials	44.37	
Prizes	16.90	
Ice	2.30	
Equipment	9.70	
Miscellaneous	3.65	
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Total Expenditures .....		\$455.10
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Balance on Deposit Meredith Vill. Savings Bank		\$113.06

# Report of Police Department

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## Summary of Complaints Investigated

Complaints Investigated	207
Breaking, Entering and Larceny	11
Disorderly Persons	22
Automobile Accidents Investigated	48
Missing Persons Found	5
Stolen Boats	4
Tramps	20
Vandalism	17
Larceny	18
Traffic Violations	32

MEREDITH

# School Report

1953



## DISTRICT OFFICERS

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Moderator

Dr. Arthur F. Pottle

Clerk

Guy U. Horne

Treasurer

Mrs. Evelyn Watson

## School Board

Carl A. Chase, Chairman

Term expires 1956

Sydney Batchelder

Term expires 1955

Jane B. Ambrose

Term expires 1954

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Superintendent

Almon W. Bushnell

School Physician

Raymond J. Turley, M. D.

School Nurse

Marguerite C. Curtis, R. N.

Truant Officer

Sydney Batchelder

State of New Hampshire  
TOWN OF MEREDITH  
**S c h o o l   W a r r a n t**

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**To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Meredith, qualified to vote in District affairs:**

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said District on the 5th day of March 1954, at three o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

Polls for election of officers to be open not later than 3:30 and closed not earlier than 9:00. Other Warrant articles to be acted upon beginning at 8 p. m.

- 1 To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
- 2 To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
- 3 To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
- 4 To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
- 5 To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officers, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agent of the District.
- 6 To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
- 7 To see if the District will raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand and seventy dollars (\$2,070.00) as a deficit appropriation for the current year, due to the fact that an extra classroom and teacher had to be provided for the first grade.
- 8 To see if the School District will vote to petition the State Board of Education to become a part of a cooperative school district of the region comprising Meredith and Center Harbor, to provide for the educational needs and services of all elementary and secondary school children.
- 9 If the preceding article is adopted, to see if the District will elect two representatives to serve on an Interim Committee who shall prepare a financial budget for the operation of the proposed cooperative school district, and include in the organization warrant an article calling for an appropriation for the operation of the proposed cooperative school district during the first year and such other items of business as need to be acted upon at the organization meeting.

- 10 To see what sum of money the District will vote to appropriate for the purpose of purchasing a site and constructing and equipping a new high school, and in order to provide such funds, to authorize the School Board to borrow the amount voted and to issue serial notes or bonds, in the name and on the credit of the District and to fix the time and place of payment, the rate of interest, terms, maturities, and provide for the sale thereof, all in accordance with New Hampshire Revised Laws, Chapter 72, as amended by Chapter 55 of the Laws of 1949 and any other amendments applicable thereto.
- 11 To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this Warrant.
- 12 To see what sum of money the District will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of School District officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the District, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state foundation aid fund together with other income; the School Board to certify to the Selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.
- 13 To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands at said Meredith this 3rd day of February, 1954.

CARL A. CHASE  
SYDNEY R. BATCHELDER  
JANE B. AMBROSE  
Meredith School Board

A true copy of Warrant—attest:

CARL A. CHASE  
SYDNEY R. BATCHELDER  
JANE B. AMBROSE  
Meredith School Board

## Meeting of Meredith School District, March 6, 1953

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The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Robert Fillinger at 3:15 p. m. The moderator, Arthur F. Pottle, read the Warrant and the business of the meeting proceeded under Articles 1 through 4, balloting for officers.

The moderator called the meeting to order at 8:10 p. m. to act on Articles 5 through 14 of the Warrant.

Article 5. It was moved by Sydney Batchelder and seconded that the salaries of the district officers be as follows: treasurer, \$50; clerk, \$10; school board members, \$25 each; supervisors of the check list, \$3 each; moderator, \$10; ballot clerks, \$5; truant officer and census taker, \$50. Voted in the affirmative.

Article 6. Upon motion of Sydney Batchelder, it was moved, seconded and voted "that reports of district officers and auditors be adopted as printed in the town report, and that all special committees heretofore chosen be discharged." Voted in the affirmative.

Article 7. It was moved by Jane Ambrose and seconded that action on article 7 be deferred until after voting on article 11. Voted unanimously.

Article 8. Carl Chase read and explained in detail the school budget as outlined in the town report and explained that the reason for the increase in teachers' salaries was the result of an increased schedule in the State, which also accounted for the increase in retirement benefits over those of the previous year. Upon motion made by Chet Lord and seconded, it was unanimously voted "that the district raise and appropriate the sum of \$108,774.78 for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state equalization fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town."

Article 9. Upon motion made and seconded, it was voted that Meredith indicate its interest in becoming part of a proposed cooperative school district organized to provide for grades 1 - 12 in the school districts of Meredith and Center Harbor. In answer to Norman Martin's question as to how much financial aid Center Harbor would agree to advance for such a plan, Carl Chase advised that Center Harbor's share would be approximately 17 per cent and Meredith's share approximately 83 per cent.

Article 10. Wm. Biddiscombe advised that he had inspected the barn on the Bixby property on Lang Street adjacent to the cemetery and found it to be in very poor condition, whereupon he moved that the school board be given permission to dispose of said property in any way possible. Motion was seconded and voted in the affirmative.

Article 11. It was moved by Carl Chase and seconded that the district authorize a committee consisting of the school board, the selectmen and three citizens appointed by the moderator to study the needs of our schools and bring into the next meeting a report and specific recommendations concerning same. Voted unanimously.

Article 12. Considerable discussion was conducted as to the advisability of installing oil burners in either or both of the schools, and after questions regarding the cost of conversion, availability of special oil needed for the burners and the unsuitability of the present oil burner in the high school were answered, it was moved and seconded that article 12 be passed. Voted in the affirmative.

Article 13. Motion was made and seconded that this article be passed. Voted in the affirmative, with 74 voting "yes," and 53 voting "no."

Article 14. Sydney Batchelder moved, and it was seconded, that the Cooperative School Fund balance in the amount of \$150 be transferred to the school committee referred to in article 11 for their use in carrying out their duties. Voted unanimously.

Upon motion made by Carl Chase and seconded, the meeting voted a commendation to the Citizens' Committee for their efforts and accomplishments during the past year.

Richard Aieta read a petition on which he requested signatures, asking the Legislature to provide assistance for school building construction, expanding the state aid program and providing assistance in the formation of cooperative school districts.

The moderator then reported the count of the ballots under articles 1, 2, 3 and 4 as follows: Total ballots cast, 423. Under article 1 for moderator, Arthur F. Pottle had 398 votes. Having a majority of all votes cast, Arthur F. Pottle was duly declared moderator for the ensuing year. Under article 2 for clerk, Guy U. Horne had 401 votes, Carl Chase, 1. Guy U. Horne having a majority of all votes cast was declared clerk for the ensuing year. Under article 3 for a member of the school board for three years, Carl Chase had 232 votes, Chester Lord 187 votes, Tom Rice 1 vote and Robert Rhodes 1 vote. Carl Chase having a majority of all



votes cast was declared a member of the school board for three years. Article 4 for treasurer, Evelyn Watson had 389 votes. Having a majority of all votes cast, Evelyn Watson was declared treasurer for the ensuing year.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Adjournment came at 10:15 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

PATRICIA W. SAGE

Clerk



# School Board's Budget — 1954 - 55

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Figures in the right hand column below represent amounts required to be appropriated for the support of public school and other statutory obligations for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1954.

The first column shows the actual amounts spent during the fiscal year 1952-53. The middle column shows the amounts voted at the 1953 District Meeting. These are shown for Comparative purposes.

	<i>Spent</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Budget</i>
<i>ADMINISTRATION</i>	<i>1952-53</i>	<i>1953-54</i>	<i>1954-55</i>
<i>A. Local</i>			
District Officers' Salaries	\$ 252.00	\$ 174.00	\$ 174.00
Per Capita Tax	838.00	854.00	862.00
Census, Truant Officer, Bookkeeper	150.00	200.00	200.00
Other Expenses Administration	196.43	250.00	250.00
<i>B. District's Share, Union Expense</i>			
Superintendent's Salary	1,191.87	1,290.36	1,311.00
Supt.'s Sec. & Union Treasurer	863.55	863.55	940.12
Other Union Expenses	899.80	849.87	940.12
<i>Instruction—</i>			
Teachers' Salaries	55,007.53	61,450.00	72,550.00
Textbooks	1,581.02	1,500.00	1,900.00
Scholars' Supplies	3,117.53	2,900.00	3,200.00
Other Expenses Instruction	1,047.53	1,200.00	1,300.00
<i>Operation of School Plant—</i>			
Janitors' Salaries	4,788.84	4,680.00	4,980.00
Fuel	1,651.39	3,150.00	3,150.00
Water, Light, Janitors' Supplies	1,999.13	2,000.00	2,000.00
<i>Maintenance of School Plant—</i>			
Repairs and Replacements	3,008.07	3,000.00	3,000.00
<i>Auxiliary Activities—</i>			
Health Supervision	1,172.95	1,300.00	1,450.00
Transportation	7,500.00	8,500.00	8,370.00
Tuition	346.00	370.00	300.00
Special Activities	415.04	760.00	760.00
School Lunch	3,280.00	3,075.00	3,075.00
<i>Fixed Charges—</i>			
Retirement	3,856.58	4,108.00	5,304.00
Insurance	1,879.19	2,000.00	1,500.00
Contingency Fund		1,800.00	2,000.00

*Capital Outlay—*

Additions and Improvements	4,294.49	1,250.00	
New Equipment	282.58	1,250.00	2,000.00
Total Expenditures	\$99,619.52	\$108,774.78	\$121,516.24

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*RECEIPTS ITEMS—ACTUAL OR ESTIMATED*

Balance	4,760.53	2,300.00	650.00
Federal Aid	640.42	300.00	300.00
Tuition	9,095.51	9,000.00	9,000.00
Rent	360.00	360.00	360.00
Other	1,110.60		
Total Receipts other than Property Taxes	15,967.06	11,960.00	10,310.00
District Assessment (raised or to be raised)	84,500.00	96,814.78	111,206.24
Total Available (or to be appropriated)	\$100,467.06	\$108,774.78	\$121,516.24

## Supervisory Union Report

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The public may be interested in a few facts regarding the Ashland-Meredith Supervisory Union.

This group of six towns maintains an office for the superintendent in Meredith. The business of the union is under the direction of a union board, which consists of the combined school boards of all six districts.

The budget for the coming year is as apportioned among the districts as follows:

Ashland	(24.2%)	\$ 919.60	1,318.90
Meredith	(34.5%)	1,311.00	1,880.24
Center Harbor	( 5.4%)	205.20	294.30
Holderness	(12.3%)	467.40	670.36
Moultonboro	(11.7%)	444.60	637.64
Sandwich	(11.9%)	452.20	648.56
Total .....		\$3,800.00	\$5,450.00

The superintendent's salary for 1953-54 is \$6,273, of which \$3,773 is collected from local districts and \$2,500 is paid by the state. Other expenses of the union are paid entirely by local funds.

The average salary of the 52 superintendents and assistant superintendents in New Hampshire for the current year is \$6,664.

ALMON W. BUSHNELL  
Superintendent

**DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING**

**State Tax Commission**

**Concord, New Hampshire**

**August 6, 1953**

**Certificate of Audit**

This is to certify that we have examined and audited the accounts and records of the Meredith School District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1953, and found them to be in good order.

In our opinion the Exhibits included herewith reflect the true financial condition of the School District, together with the results of operations for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1953.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold G. Fowler

Division Municipal Accounting

State Tax Commission

Alan R. Matthews, Auditor

Hugh J. Cassidy, Accountant

# Exhibit A

## MEREDITH SCHOOL DISTRICT

### Comparative Balance Sheets

As of June 30, 1952 and June 30, 1953

ASSETS	June 30, 1952	June 30, 1953
<i>Treasurer's Cash on Hand—</i>		
General Fund	\$4,760.53	\$847.54
School Lunch Acct. (contra)	492.72	858.33
	<u>\$5,253.25</u>	<u>\$1,705.87</u>
<i>Balance of Appropriation—</i>		
1951-52 Appropriation	14,276.49	
1952-53 Appropriation		10,254.71
	<u>\$19,529.74</u>	<u>\$11,960.58</u>
Total Assets		
	\$19,529.74	\$11,960.58
 <i>LIABILITIES &amp; SURPLUS</i>		
<i>Accounts Payable—</i>		
Payrolls for July & August	\$7,960.36	\$8,223.50
<i>School Lunch Program—</i>		
Unexpended Funds (contra)	492.72	858.33
<i>Appropriation Balances—</i>		
Lands & Buildings	\$ 500.00	\$500.00
Additions & Improvements	1,128.16	
New Equipment	142.94	360.36
Coop. School Committee	150.00	150.00
<i>Contingency Fund—</i>		
Sewer Repair	500.00	
Painting	1,000.00	
	<u>3,421.10</u>	<u>1,010.36</u>
Total Liabilities	\$11,874.18	\$10,092.19
Surplus	7,655.56	1,868.39
Total Liabilities & Surplus	\$19,529.74	\$11,960.58

**Exhibit B**  
**MEREDITH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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**Analysis of Change in Financial Condition**  
**Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1953**

Surplus—June 30, 1952	\$7,655.56	
Surplus—June 30, 1953	1,868.39	
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Decrease in Surplus		\$5,787.17

*Factors Affecting Decrease in Surplus*

*Decreases—*

Part of 1951-52 Surplus Used to Reduce		
School District Tax	\$7,000.00	
Accounts Payable Increase	263.14	
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		\$7,263.14

*Increases—*

Net Budget Surplus (Exhibit D)	1,475.97	
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Net Decrease		\$5,787.17



# Exhibit C

## MEREDITH SCHOOL DISTRICT

### Comparative Statement of Appropriations & Expenditures

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1953

<i>TITLE OF ACCOUNT</i>	<i>Liabilities Forwarded from 1951-52</i>	<i>Appropriations 1952-53</i>	<i>Receipts &amp; Reimbursements</i>	<i>Total Amount Available</i>	<i>Expenditures 1952-53</i>	<i>Balances Uncexpended</i>	<i>Liabilities Forwarded to 53-54</i>
<i>Administration—</i>							
Salaries of District Officers	\$	\$ 265.00	\$	\$ 265.00	\$ 252.00	\$ 13.00	\$
Supt.'s Salary (local share)		1,439.82		1,439.82	1,439.82		
Tax for Statewide Supervision		838.00		838.00	838.00		
Salaries of Other Personnel		913.55		913.55	1,013.55		100.00
Supplies & Expenses		901.85		901.85		848.28	53.57
<i>Instruction—</i>							
Teachers' Salaries		54,980.00	98.80	55,078.80	48,124.23		
Principals' Salaries		)		)	6,883.30	71.27	
Books & Other Instructional Aids		1,400.00		1,400.00	1,581.02		181.02
Scholars' Supplies		2,900.00		2,900.00	3,117.53		217.53
Supplies & Other Expenses		1,200.00		1,200.00	1,047.53	152.47	
<i>Operation of School Plant—</i>							
Salaries of Janitors		4,680.00		4,680.00	4,788.84		108.84
Fuel or Heat		3,000.00		3,000.00	1,651.39	1,348.61	
Water, Light, Supplies & Expenses		1,900.00		1,900.00	1,999.13		99.13

*Maintenance of School Plant—*

Repairs & Replacements	31.45	2,531.45	3,008.07	476.62
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*Auxiliary Activities—*

Health Supervision	2.60	1,302.60	1,172.95	129.65
Transportation		7,500.00	7,500.00	
Tuition			346.00	346.00

*Special Activities & Special Funds—*

Special Activities		700.00	415.04	284.96
School Lunch—District		2,870.00	3,280.00	410.00
Contingency Fund	1,500.00	1,700.00	3,200.00	

*Fixed Charges—*

Retirement		3,200.00	3,856.58	656.58
Insurance, Treasurer's Bond, etc.		950.00	1,879.19	929.19

*Capital Outlay—*

Lands & Buildings	500.00	500.00		500.00
Additions & Improvements	1,128.16	2,128.16	4,294.49	2,166.33
New Equipment	142.94	642.94	282.58	360.36
Cooperative School Committee	150.00	150.00		150.00

## Totals

	132.85	100,192.17	99,619.52	5,253.53
			5,691.24	1,010.36

**Exhibit D**  
**MEREDITH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Comparative Statement of Estimated and Actual Revenues  
and Budget Summary**

**Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1953**

<i>SOURCE</i>	<i>Revenues</i>		<i>Excess</i>	<i>Deficit</i>
	<i>Estimated</i>	<i>Actual</i>		
Tuition	\$ 8,500.00	\$9,095.51	\$595.51	\$
Federal Aid	300.00	640.42	340.42	
Part of '51-'52 Surplus Used to Reduce School Tax	7,000.00	7,000.00		
Office Rent (Union No. 2)	360.00	360.00		
Insurance Premium Refund		38.70	38.70	
Old Checks Cancelled		913.96	913.96	
Refund—Govt. Printing Office		3.00	3.00	
Sale of Old Desks		8.00	8.00	
Sale of Old Barn		5.00	5.00	
Sale of School Supplies		6.94	6.94	
Sale of Floor Wax		2.15	2.15	
Totals	\$16,160.00	\$18,073.68	\$1,913.68	\$

**BUDGET SUMMARY**

Actual Revenues	\$18,073.68	
Estimated Revenues	16,160.00	
Net Revenue Surplus		1,913.68
Overdrafts of Appropriations	5,691.24	
Unexpended Balances of Approps.	5,253.53	
Net Overdraft of Approps.		437.71
Net Budget Surplus		\$1,475.97

**Exhibit E**  
**MEREDITH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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**Classified Statement of Receipts and Expenditures**  
**Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1953**

*RECEIPTS*

*Federal Aid—*

Smith-Hughes & George-Barden	\$ 640.42
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*Local Taxation—*

Current Appropriation	\$70,223.51	
Balance of Previous Appropriation	14,276.49	
		\$84,500.00

*Other Sources—*

Tuition	9,095.51
Office Rent	360.00

*Credits to Appropriations Account—*

Refund from Coll. Internal Revenue	
Teachers' Salaries	\$98.80
Health Supervision	2.60
	101.40
Repairs & Replacements	31.45

*Credits to Revenue Accounts—*

Insurance Premium Refund	38.70
Old Checks Cancelled	913.96
Refund—Government Printing Office	3.00
Sale of Old Desks	8.00
Sale of Old Barn	5.00
Sale of School Supplies	6.94
Sale of Floor Wax	2.15
	977.75

10,566.11

Total Receipts from All Sources	95,706.53
Balance—July 1, 1952	4,760.53

Grand Total	\$100,467.06
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## EXPENDITURES

### *Administration—*

Salaries of District Officers	\$ 252.00
Superintendent's Salary (Local Share)	1,439.82
Tax for Statewide Supervision	838.00
Salaries of Other Personnel	1,013.55
Supplies & Expenses	848.28
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	\$ 4,391.65

### *Instruction—*

Teachers' Salaries	48,124.23
Principals' Salaries	6,883.30
Books & Other Instructional Aids	1,581.02
Scholars' Supplies	3,117.53
Supplies & Other Expenses	1,047.53
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	60,753.61

### *Operation of School Plant—*

Salaries of Janitors	4,788.84
Fuel or Heat	1,651.39
Water, Light, Supplies & Expenses	1,999.13
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	8,439.36

### *Maintenance of School Plant—*

Repairs & Replacements	3,008.07
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### *Auxiliary Activities—*

Health Supervision	1,172.95
Transportation	7,500.00
Tuition	346.00
Special Activities & Special Funds	415.04
School Lunch—District	3,280.00
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	12,713.99

### *Fixed Charges—*

Retirement	3,856.58
Insurance, Treasurer's Bond, etc.	1,879.19
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	5,735.77

*Capital Outlay—*

Additions & Improvements to Buildings	4,294.49
New Equipment	282.58
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	4,577.07
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Total Expenditures for All Purposes	99,619.52
Balance—June 30, 1953	847.54
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Grand Total	\$100,467.06



**Exhibit H**  
**MEREDITH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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**Statement of School Lunch Program Account**  
**Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1953**

Balance—July 1, 1952		\$ 492.72
<i>Receipts During School Year—</i>		
Federal—Nat. School Lunch Funds	\$2,437.39	
School District—School Lunch Funds	2,751.70	
<i>Lunch Sales—</i>		
Meredith High School	3,902.35	
Lang Street School	4,466.77	
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		\$14,050.93
Expenditures During School Year	13,192.60	
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Balance—June 30, 1953		\$ 858.33

## Report of Superintendent and Principals

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**CROWDED CONDITIONS** The nation-wide increase in school population has hit Meredith hard this year. We have seen the Lang Street School grow from an eight-room to a ten-room school, which the school board has cared for by an efficient use of ground floor area for classrooms. At the high school, we have been able to divide some of the large English classes into two sections each, but there is no more room or teacher available so we can divide the class in biology (35), general mathematics (49) and history of civilization (44).

The budget for next year is planned to provide for two extra teachers—one for the primary grades and one at the junior high level, which should make it possible to divide some of the large classes of freshmen and sophomores.

As a place for these extra classes, we have talked of using the town hall or the gymnasium as temporary classroom space. The gym is already in use every period of the day; the town hall is used three days a week for band and chorus practice, but the heating arrangements are not satisfactory, and we do not recommend spending money to remodel such a building.

Activities are restricted where playground area is concerned because of lack of space. Last spring the street in front of the Lang Street School was set aside as a playground during the noon hour. Even more marked was the necessity for this sort of temporary measure this year as the school has increased from about 240 to 280 pupils. For the high school pupils, we are renting a small field on Waukegan Street for outdoor classes in physical education.

We are still forced to exclude students from our shop and typewriting classes because of lack of room.

The new classrooms downstairs at Lang Street have deprived us of a lunchroom, and meals are served to pupils in their various classrooms. At the high school, the home economics kitchen is used for preparing the daily lunch, and this interferes with the conduct of home economic classes. We have thought seriously that we ought to give up one or the other—the lunch program or the home economics course.

The foregoing statements all point forcefully to one conclusion: Meredith needs a new school and needs it now. At the annual meeting we hope that the committee of nine, appointed a year ago, will recommend a new school building, and that the necessary two-thirds will vote "Yes" on the question.

**COOPERATIVE DISTRICTS** Two of the warrant articles for the annual meeting deal with the question of forming a cooperative school district with Center Harbor. If both districts are in favor of this action, the necessary steps are as follows:

- (1) A vote in each district meeting to petition the State Board to approve a cooperative district in this area.
- (2) Approval by the State Board. (We have been given to understand that this would be granted).
- (3) A joint meeting of the voters of both districts, in the near future, to complete the organization, elect officers, etc.

The immediate effect of such a step would be to spread the cost of a bond issue over the two towns, Center Harbor assuming about 15 per cent of the total.

**TEACHERS' WORKSHOP** Our teachers' workshop, attended by all teachers in the union, dealt this year with the topics of physical education, high school activities, and outdoor recreation. Well qualified consultants helped to make our studies there both interesting and practical. The October date seems an appropriate time for this annual event, especially as it provides a break at the middle of the 16-week fall term, which in the past has proved so tiresome for our younger pupils.

**OUTDOOR EDUCATION** Outdoor education, involving a few days' experience at a camp, is receiving favorable attention in various parts of the country. Schools in Michigan, Texas, and California, as well as some in New England, have found this a valuable activity. Last November, one class from Sandwich and one from Holderness—62 pupils in all, with their teachers—spent a week at Sargent Camp in Peterboro, after earning the necessary money to pay their expenses.

The week's work was carefully planned, and it was not a vacation in any sense. Lessons in conservation, science, physical education, music, arithmetic and English were carried on with opportunity for practical application. Since their return to school these pupils have often recalled the things observed at camp as a basis for better understanding of the world around us. The teachers concerned are enthusiastic over the possibilities of this type of experience, and a committee of teachers chosen from Meredith and other districts in the union are now working on plans which may lead to finding a camp nearer home where more of our pupils can profit by it.

## TEACHING ABOUT COMMUNISM

It is very difficult for your superintendent to give an objective report on the loss of one of our valuable teachers. We don't like Communism. Neither do we like cancer or poison ivy. We must teach about all these evils, how to recognize them, and how to avoid their ill effects.

During the fall term, a high school teacher undertook this assignment. Rumors of suspicion, which investigation has proved to be entirely false, were circulated in the community and in some out-of-town newspapers. Although the teacher received unanimous support from the school authorities, he found this persecution intolerable, and resigned in November in spite of earnest pleas by the school board and superintendent to stand his ground.

We feel that any school or teacher should expect to face criticism, but that the critics should openly bring their doubts to us or to the school board, and determine whether or not there is ground for criticism. In over thirty years of experience in school work, I have never before seen a teacher's reputation and professional future ruined by unfounded rumors and newspaper stories that could not be traced. The profession has lost a loyal and capable teacher.

Too frequently those who oppose Communism most strongly have shown themselves guilty of un-American activity.

Respectfully submitted,

ALMON W. BUSHNELL, Superintendent

MAURICE TAYLOR ) Principals

WILLIAM E. SHERIDAN )

# Annual School Health Report

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During the past year, 295 students were given physical examinations by the school doctor; of this number, 75 were participants in competitive sports.

The Chestmobile from the Dept. of Public Health is now scheduled on an annual basis, and 155 students and school personnel were given chest X-rays.

The boys and girls in the two first grades were given the "patch test."

In conjunction with the State Dept. of Public Health and Meredith Public Health Nursing Association, each spring there is a Child Health and pre-School Conference held in Meredith. At the last conference 56 children were given physical examinations, triple toxoid and three were vaccinated.

Results of testing by school nurse-teacher:

		Defects
Vision .....	420.....	2
Hearing .....	420.....	0

## Cases of Communicable Diseases:

Chicken Pox .....	40
Measles .....	2
Whooping Cough .....	10
Pediculosis on Several Occasions .....	5
Impetigo .....	3

## Non-Communicable Diseses:

Re-current Case of Rheumatic Fever .....	1
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Respectfully submitted,

MARGUERITE CURTIS, R. N.  
School Nurse



## Table of Attendance Statistics

School & Teacher	<i>Number Half Days School in Session</i>	<i>Total Enrollment</i>	<i>Number of Pupils (Ave. Membership)</i>	<i>Percent of Attendance</i>	<i>Pupils Not Absent or Tardy Entire Year</i>
<b>High School:</b>					
Grades 9 - 12	356	142	133.82	95.1	17
<b>Junior High:</b>					
Grade 8	356	36	32.49	98.79	7
Grade 7	356	31	27.61	94.97	4
<b>Lang Street School:</b>					
Grade 6 Jacqueline Metivier	356	34	30.95	94.18	2
Grade 5 Thelma Garnett	356	37	33.90	93.71	2
Grade 4 Hope Lincoln	356	38	33.56	93.27	3
Grade 3 Elizabeth Bickford	356	32	29.75	92.4	0
Grades 2 & 3 Ethelyn Thomas	356	28	25.50	92.6	0
Grade 2 Eleanor Rock	356	31	27.40	91.61	2
Grade 1 Dorothy Wilkins	356	34	30.14	87.01	0
Grade 1 Nina Taylor	356	35	30.02	86.5	0
All Meredith	356	478	435.14	92.74	37



# School Enrollment & Teaching Staff—1953-54

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## High School:

Grade 12 . . . . .	27	Maurice Taylor	Principal
Grade 11 . . . . .	35	Leland W. Collins	Shop
Grade 10 . . . . .	44	John E. Humiston	Mathematics
Grade 9 . . . . .	48	Elmer I. Silva	Physical Education
Grade 8 . . . . .	28	Dorothy Eichel	Commerce
Grade 7 . . . . .	36	Ruth Humiston	Junior High
Total . . . . .	218	Paiazi Querim )	Social Science
		Earl H. Westcott )	French
		Mary Sanderson	English
		Marjorie Collins	Home Economics
		Jeanette Lambe	Science

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## Lang Street—William E. Sheridan, Principal

Grade 6 . . . . .	32	(Dana B. Lewis (William Robinson
Grade 5 . . . . .	34	Helen E. Sten
Grade 4 . . . . .	27	Hope Lincoln
	13	Ruth Turner
Grade 3 . . . . .	15	Ruth Turner
	27	Elizabeth Bickford
Grade 2 . . . . .	22	Ethelyn Thomas
	24	Eleanor Rock
Grade 1 . . . . .	25	Nina A. Taylor
	29	Evelyn J. Storek
	27	Martha Arsenault
Total . . . . .	275	

Supervisor of Music—George R. White

# Honor Roll of Perfect Attendance

Not Absent or Tardy Entire Year ..... 1952-53

Diana Hatch	Betty Wyatt
John R. Amabile	Barbara L. Grad
Sandra Greemore	Rodney Fortier
Mary Kennedy	Christopher Dow
Louise Moscardini	Christine Anair
Gail Bucklin	Nancy Hood
Barbara Pelczar	Michael Dickey
Howard Hurd	Arthur Parissi
John Sherman	Jane Quimby
Virginia Stafford	Marie Young
Elizabeth Davis	Dexter Weare
Patricia Sidney	Dawn Wyatt
Doris Benoit	Carl Chase
Norma Fortier	Carole Howe
Betty Veasey	Barry Borrell
Margaret Collard	Joseph DeCelles
Allan Hale	Barbara Seeley
George Howe	Geraldine Sirles
	Patricia Swain

## TUITION PUPILS — FALL TERM 1953

Center Harbor .....	23
Holderness .....	4
Moultonboro .....	16

## Meredith High School Graduating Class - 1953

Elroy M. Ackerman	Kendrick Alton Gould
Georgia Lee Anderson	William F. Heinz
Beverly H. Austin	Thomas J. KillKelley
Beverly Elaine Avery	Harrison D. Lord
Phyllis G. Bernard	Eileen Lorelle Macdonald
Eugene E. Brown	Waldo L. Merrill
Harriette Shirley Carignan	Margaret V. Patridge
June Arlene Clark	Pauline G. Perkins
Doris Louise Converse	N. Bonney Piper
Daniel S. Corliss	Robert E. Sidney
Patricia Ann Daigneau	Joanne Ethel Tilton
Elizabeth Ann Davis	Janice L. VanDine
Patricia Catherine Dever	Shirley Ann Walker
Barbara L. Downing	Joan Elizabeth Wallace
David L. Fournier	Harold John Weeks

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### Special Awards

American Legion Citizenship Prize .....	Pauline Perkins
Bausch & Lomb Science Award .....	Patricia Dever
Alumni Loyalty Cup .....	Joan Wallace
Balfour Plaque and Key Award .....	Janice VanDine
American Legion Post No. 33 Award .....	Elizabeth Davis
Becker Business College Award .....	Elizabeth Davis
Reader's Digest Award .....	Elizabeth Davis
Legion Auxiliary Award .....	Audrey Fortier
Roger H. Wyatt Memorial Award .....	Doris Converse
Huntress All Round Achievement Cup .....	Patricia Dever
Babe Ruth Award .....	Harold Weeks
Babe Ruth Award .....	Patricia Dever
Daughters of American Revolution Award ..	Patricia Dever
Meredith Woman's Progress Club Award ....	Beverly Avery

VITAL  
STATISTICS



# Births

Registered in the Town of Meredith, New Hampshire

For the Year Ending December 31, 1953

Date of Birth	Name of Child (if any)	Number	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
DEC. 1952				
26	Dwight David	2	Lawrence E. Hart	Gerda B. Euler
1953				
JAN.				
9	Terry Ann	2	Lawrence E. Swain	Elizabeth M. Horne
13	Deborah Ann	1	John Wm. Malouin	Dorothy J. Plummer
26	Richard Elliot Jr.	1	Richard E. Shute	Gertrude E. Hoyt
FEB.				
9	Charmaine Dale	4	Harold C. Naglie	Shirley J. McClellan
13	Norman Richard	3	Richard N. Beach	Bertha Ella Dow
13	Elaine Bertha	7	Sylvester C. Weeks	Anna Mae Jenness
15	Robert Earl	3	Robert E. Fillinger	Wilma F. Slimson
MAR.				
5	Earle Leighton III	1	Earle L. Lund II	Mary V. Nedeau
13	Benjamin Joseph	1	George F. Wyatt	Phoebe Ann Cochran
APR.				
10	Ellen Isabel	2	Thomas E. P. Rice Jr.	Florence B. Knight
11	Lois Arlene	3	Lawrence E. Morris	Barbara L. Anderson
12	Elaine Beatrice	3	Laban D. Chandler	Winifred Graves
16	Glenn Paul	4	Russell C. Hart	Helen Treger
27	David	3	Daniel J. Delaney	Barbara L. Coates
28	Raymond William	3	Robert W. Brewster	Marie A. Conlon
MAY				
20	Mark John	6	George I. Davis	Margaret C. Sward
21	Scott Paul	4	Norman E. King	Jacqueline M. Nevers
22	Valarie Ann	1	Franklin J. Sylvia	Pauline Jackson
28	Clarence Alfred	2	Forrest A. Paige	Melissa B. Hodges
31	Mary Mabel	1	Lawrence R. Wyatt	Minnie Mae Sargent
JUNE				
1	Bonita Louise	3	Guy Albert Howland	Susie May Cote
1	Baby Girl (S. B.)	3	Guy Albert Howland	Susie May Cote
19	Gerald Raymond	1	Raymond E. Shute	Beatrice L. Stafford
JULY				
1	Karen	4	Charles N. Roberts Jr.	Geraldine Bushey
5	Lawrence Quentin	5	Leander G. Pynn Jr.	Ruth Bennett
7	Roxyanna Lee	4	Eugene C. Johnson	Maryellen M. Sawyer
10	Belinda Gail	2	Everett H. Horne	Florence L. Weeks
28	Gerald Wayne	3	Wellington L. Goss	Theresa E. J. Cote
31	Pamela Susan	1	George R. White	Ruth E. Ruggles
AUG.				
1	Deborah Marion	2	William J. Gagne	Pearl E. Rollins
5	Charles Richard	2	Richard L. Beede	Arlene M. Moulton
6	Denise Kathleen	3	Robert H. Roux	Theresa A. Brecanier
21	Marie Regina	3	Robert P. Valliere	Doris M. Bolton
22	Bradley Elliott	3	Edsel A. Woodward	Freda B. Jones
SEPT.				
1	Paul Arthur	1	John M. Dunleavy	Madeline R. Nedeau
8	Lawrence John	5	Kenneth C. Colby	Harriet E. Hanson
17	Gregory Ralph	2	Ralph J. Samaha	Priscilla J. Thompson
30	Donald Lawrence	4	Edward A. Farrell	Jean Alice Smith
OCT.				
24	Cherylee	3	Gardner W. Fisher	Helen K. Weeks
26	Jeffery Lee	3	Edson C. Berry	Joanne L. Young
27	Penny Ellen	1	Donald H. Pocock	Florence Mae Mitchell
NOV.				
8	James Douglas	3	Edwin D. Hanson	Lorraine P. Johnson
10	Kenneth Alan	2	Donald A. Brogren	Lois E. Wilkins
17	Bradford Eugene	1	Ronald E. Nudd	Irmabelle Fortier
DEC.				
5	Timothy James	1	James E. McManus	Jennie T. Christie
15	Anthony Wayne	2	Donald E. Pike	Joyce I. Fortier



# Marriages

Registered in the Town of Meredith, New Hampshire  
For the Year Ending December 31, 1953

Date	Name & Surmane of Groom and Bride	Residence of Each At Time Of Marriage	Age of Each	Name and Residence Of Person By Whom Married
1953				
MAY				
9	Julian B. Smith Barbara S. Weis	Silver Spring, Md. Meredith	23 24	Rev. James C. Stuart Concord, N. H.
17	Kirke P. Read Patricia A. Ruel	Sandwich N. H. Meredith	18 18	Rev. John J. Bosa Meredith
23	John W. Stanley Jr. Barbara Standish	Concord, N. H. Meredith	31 25	Rev. John R. Clark Jr. Concord, N. H.
JUNE				
6	William E. Desotell Elsie A. Leggett	Meredith Meredith	28 23	Rev. Arthur W. Leaker Ashland, N. H.
13	Cecil H. Tenney Charlotte L. Clough	Meredith Meredith	37 44	Wm. H. Marston, J. P. Bristol, N. H.
14	Lewis Kleinberg Vera K. McAllister	Meredith St. Petersburg, Fla.	54 43	Paul B. Urion J. P. Rochester, N. H.
27	Carleton J. Spear, Jr. Jacqueline Richardson	Meredith Wolfeboro, N. H.	24 23	Rev. Frank Swaffield Wolfeboro, N. H.
JULY				
2	Francis S. McHugh Ruth E. Marvin	Meredith Meredith	24 18	Guy U. Horne, J. P. Meredith
4	Harry J. Holland Mary S. Auclair	Meredith Utica, N. Y.	25 36	Rev. George F. Currier Milton, N. H.
4	Gardner W. Fisher Helen K. Weeks	Meredith Meredith	26 28	Rev. Francis Cooper Meredith
25	William G. Miller Dorothy I. Hopkins	Bolton, Mass. Melrose, Mass.	44 27	Rev. Clarence Fuller Melrose, Mass.
AUG.				
1	Daniel C. Facto Elaine L. Birge	E. Hampton, Mass. Amherst, Mass.	24 19	Guy U. Horne, J. P. Meredith
11	Harold S. Miller Mary M. Vallone	New York, N. Y. Bellerose, L.I. N. Y.	34 32	Guy U. Horne, J. P. Meredith
22	Linwood A. Good Pauline G. Perkins	Laconia, N. H. Meredith	25 18	Rev. George Caron Manchester, N. H.
SEPT.				
7	James L. Ruel Diane M. Mooney	Meredith Meredith	20 20	Rev. John J. Bosa Meredith
11	Franklin E. White Jennie H. Richards	Boston, Mass. Milford, Mass.	43 43	Guy U. Horne, J. P. Meredith
12	Paul E. Jefferson Edith G. Story	Omaha, Nebraska Boston, Mass.	21 24	Rev. F. von der Sump Lantana, Fla.
19	Robert L. Van Horn Audrey L. Harmon	Meredith Meredith	22 22	Guy U. Horne, J. P. Meredith
26	Robert D. Prescott Gerda M. Martin	Meredith Meredith	40 30	Rev. Theodore Steiger Laconia, N. H.
NOV.				
21	Bernard F. Romprey Gloria C. Thomas	Lakeport, N. H. Meredith	20 19	Rev. P. A. McDonough Lakeport, N. H.
DEC.				
5	Richard E. Greenwood Barbara E. Palmer	Meredith Meredith	51 40	Rev. Kendall Burgess Milford, N. H.
5	Austin H. Robinson Mabel Shipley	Meredith Meredith	60 67	Rev. Edward J. Olson Laconia, N. H.

# Deaths

Registered in the Town of Meredith, New Hampshire

For the Year Ending December 31, 1953

Date of Death	NAME	Age - Years	Months	Days	PLACE OF BIRTH	OCCUPATION
1953						
JAN.						
5	Blanche M. Seeley	47			New Hampshire	Housewife
13	Emma F. J. Freese	80	1	2	Waltham, Mass.	Housewife
17	Ida P. Osgood	73			New Hampshire	Housekeeper
20	Oliver I. Brown	88			Allenstown N. H.	Farmer
30	Hilda V. Urquhart	56			Nova Scotia	Housekeeper
FEB.						
14	Norman R. Beach			1	New Hampshire	
22	Cecil R. Bennett	62			Mansfield, Conn.	Plumbing & Htg.
23	Elizabeth H. Wilkins	82			Nebraska	Housewife
25	Charles Cater	55			Pittsfield, N. H.	None
26	Alonzo Jenness	69			Center Harbor, N. H.	Laborer
28	Edna L. Maheaux	47			New Hampshire	Housewife
MAR.						
5	Lawrence Rubino	74			Italy	Gardner
10	Edna H. James	77			Franconia, N. H.	Housewife
11	Mary A. Bradbury	89	11	13	Sandwich, N. H.	Housewife
11	Jessie M. Roberts	76			Meredith, N. H.	Housewife
17	Maria B. K. Hodsdon	49		20	Unnaryd, Sweden	Housewife
19	Ralph N. Piper	70			New Hampshire	Ice & Oil Dealer
21	Mary Abbie Clark	82			New Hampshire	Homemaker
22	Charlotte S. Jones	63			Pittsfield, N. H.	Bookkeeper
26	Joseph E. Thompson	65			New Hampshire	Junk Dealer
29	Gertrude T. Cook	92	5	21	Quincy, Mass.	Homemaker
30	Ernest R. Laro	42	1	19	Pittsfield, N. H.	Const. Foreman
APR.						
3	Glendora W. Baker	63			Connecticut	Housewife
15	Oscar L. Perkins	69			New Hampshire	Fitter
24	Earl Guy Piper	48		22	Meredith, N. H.	Laborer
27	George E. James	80			New Hampshire	Gardner
28	William A. Kelley	77			New Hampshire	Mill Hand
29	William H. Crawford	37			Stark, N. H.	None
MAY						
19	Mary E. Lovett	89			Center Harbor N. H.	Housewife
23	Willie J. Roberts	80			Meredith, N. H.	Farmer
26	Charles W. Hunt	87			Gilford, N. H.	Farmer
JUNE						
6	Veronica D. Turley	51			Berlin, N. H.	Beautician
12	Lucinda Neill	43	1	9	Ossipee, N. H.	Housewife
JULY						
2	Eli Martin	80	approx		Roxton Falls, Que.	Farmer
4	Carl F. Henriksen	74			Roxbury, Mass.	Foundryman
16	Earl Hutton	47			New Hampshire	None
18	Ida E. Fogg	78			Nova Scotia	Housewife
26	Flora A. Willey	88	11	21	Newbury, Vt.	Housewife
29	Albert C. Roberts	71			Meredith, N. H.	Farmer
30	Olive M. Clark	65	6	15	Stanstead, Canada	Housewife
AUG.						
19	Baby Boy Neill	1 day-6 hrs.			New Hampshire	None
19	Bertha Hammond				New Hampshire	
28	Mary Ida Pulsifer	87			Lakeport, N. H.	Housewife
SEPT.						
10	Ethel A. Lunt	75		18	St. Armand, Que.	Housewife
OCT.						
3	Etta L. Niles	76			Massachusetts	None
6	William Walker	60			Meredith, N. H.	Truck Driver
NOV.						
11	Randolph B. Morrison	48			New Hampshire	Inspector
25	Vina Belle York	81	2	24	Center Harbor N. H.	Housewife
DEC.						
4	Estella Cook	75			Manchester, N. H.	Housewife
26	Antigone Nicholardis	34			Manchester, N. H.	None
27	Lineus C. Putney	75	1	10	Stafford, Conn.	Carpenter
29	Florence E. Page	67			Charlestown, Mass.	Housewife

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